

## Chapter 1 Introduction

The origin of John Humphrey of Clarks has been a subject of much Humphrey family speculation for many years. This book was written to compile the facts, articles, and family stories known about John and other early Humphreys in the Craven County area of North Carolina.

Genealogical research in 2001 revealed John's mother was Drusilla Humphrey with a high degree of confidence in the source material.<sup>1</sup> The search changed to the parents of Drusilla Humphrey and became more difficult. At this time the best-fit answer is Drusilla was the daughter of Hiram Humphrey and Nancy Jones based on census statistics and area residents. Hiram Humphrey is likely the son of Lewis and Nancy Humphrey, the only other long term Humphrey residents of record in Craven County from 1817-1850. A Daniel Humphrey appears in an 1810 deed, and in the 1820 census is the only other Humphrey listed with males in the household. By the 1830 census, the Daniel Humphrey of 1820 is no longer listed, however a younger Daniel Humphrey appears in the 1830 census, but there are no children listed in the household.

In 1938, Blanche Humphrey Abee compiled a rich detail of the early Colonial and Onslow Humphreys in her book, *Colonists of Carolina*. Her research also indicates several of the early Craven County Humphreys migrated from (and back to) Onslow County.<sup>2</sup> Excerpts from her book are included in Appendix A.

At this time, John Humphrey's ancestors beyond Drusilla are based on best-fit census data and information in Blanche H. Abee's book. Future research may further substantiate this information at a later time.

Information on other Craven area Humphreys, both related and non-related, has been added to provide detail on these persons and families.

Additional family lines included in this work are the Arnold, Bryan, Foscoe, Gooding, Lane, and Pittman families. All of these lines extend back to the early 1800s in the Craven, Jones, and Lenoir counties of North Carolina.

The long relationship of the Humphrey family to the Clarks area is also covered with material on the Civil War, the brickyards of Clarks, and the rural community of Clarks.

Beginning in the 1870s and continuing through the 20<sup>th</sup> century, are numerous articles in New Bern area papers concerning Humphreys and other families in the Clarks and Tuscarora area. Chapter 20 is devoted to these articles, as they are an additional insight to the Humphrey and other allied families.

A comprehensive, documented listing of source material, illustrations, maps, and diagrams is included with this work.

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**Figure 2 Lucas 1823 Map of North Carolina**

*In 1823 the counties boundaries for eastern North Carolina were different from modern (post 1912) boundaries. Dobbs was renamed Lenoir County in 1791. Jones County had been created in 1778. Onslow County was formed in 1734. Glasgow was renamed Greene County in 1799. Pamlico County was formed from Craven County's 4<sup>th</sup> Township in 1872.*

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<sup>1</sup> See Chapter 5 on Drusilla Ann Humphrey.

<sup>2</sup> Colonists of Carolina, The Hon. W. D. Humphrey. Page 13. B. Humphrey Abbe. 1938. Craven Co. Library.



## Chapter 2 Colonial and Onslow Area Humphreys

By 1710, settlers had begun arriving on the White Oak River, within a few years they had begun setting up homes on the shores of New River in what is now Onslow County. These people came from further north in the state, Virginia, Maryland, and New England. Also considered part of New Hanover County, many early papers were filed in the Craven records. In 1734, the General Assembly created what is now Onslow County.<sup>1</sup>

Already the Humphrey family had gone down into Albemarle County, North Carolina, as indicated in the wills of Richard Humphries, in 1688, and John Humphries, of Pasquotank precinct, in 1708.<sup>2</sup>

In 1748 the county of Lunenburg, Virginia, was formed from Brunswick County. On the tax lists for that year, but not for the years following, appear the names, John, William, Thomas, and Charles Humphreys and the names, William Wood, John Williams, Daniel Humphreys, Richard Ward, John Ambrose, John Ellis, and other names often seen early in Onslow County, North Carolina.<sup>3</sup>

Defense of the Onslow area being a concern, the community mounted a militia. In Captain John Shackelford's company, 1754, were Thomas Johnston, Lieutenant; James Howard, Ensign; William Shackelford, Clerk; Jesse Williams, John Humphrey, and Lott Williams, Corporals. Among those listed in the company were Joseph Munford, Jacob Humphrey, William Humphrey, William Williams, Stephen Williams, Benjamin Johnston, John Johnston, William Ambrose, and John Ambrose.<sup>4</sup>

William Humphrey and Furnifold Green were the witnesses on a deed for Thomas Graves and James Reed on June 17, 1760, as recorded in Book 2, page 92, at the courthouse in New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina.<sup>5</sup>

One William Humphrey died in Craven County, North Carolina, in 1767. Nathaniel Scarborough, next of kin, made the inventory of this estate.<sup>6</sup>

In the Craven County records, October 15, 1752, one Joseph Humphrey left "cousin Sarah Roberts of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania" a legacy; he also left legacies to his nephew, Joseph Humphrey, the son of John Humphrey, and to his friend, Evan Ellis. One Joseph Humphries was the executor in Pasquotank County in 1740 of the estate of Christopher Humphrey, brother of John and William.<sup>7</sup>

Two related Humphrey families, it appears, came from Virginia to Onslow County, North Carolina -- one through Pasquotank and Craven Counties to Onslow and the other through Halifax and Bertie Counties into Onslow.<sup>8</sup>

Joseph Humphrey of Onslow made affidavit that he was born in Halifax County, North Carolina, on January 16, 1750. This Joseph Humphrey was a Revolutionary

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soldier as shown on a record in the Pension Bureau in Washington, D. C.<sup>9</sup>

It is helpful at this point to learn that of the Humphrey family early in Onslow County, North Carolina, Thomas Humphrey had a son, Francis; Eustres Humphrey had sons, Lewis and David; Jacob Humphrey had a son, Robert; and William Humphrey had sons, William Humphrey, junior, Jacob Humphrey, and Daniel Humphrey; and William's wife, Sarah, deeded land to her son, Jacob Wood, evidently the child of a former marriage.<sup>10</sup>

In Chowan County, North Carolina, in 1789, the will of David Humphrey named sons: William, John, and Richard. Listed in Captain Thomas Graves' company in the Craven County Militia for 1751 were: William, John, and Richard Humphrey.<sup>11</sup>

The United States Census for 1790, Onslow County, North Carolina, lists as heads of families: Eustace, Eustace Jr., William Umphrey, Mary (the widow of Thomas), Josiah, Jacob, Francis, and David Humphrey. The census for 1800 lists as heads of families: John Umphrey, David, Jacob, Joseph, and Daniel Humphrey.<sup>12</sup>

Although the Humphrey name appears in numerous Craven County records prior to 1790, it appears the majority of the Humphrey families resided in Onslow County. Many of the early marriage records reveal relationships between Onslow and Craven residents.<sup>13</sup>

A Daniel Humphrey purchased land in 1810 and 1817 in Craven County.<sup>14</sup> In 1820 the sheriff transferred land from Daniel Humphrey to one Abraham Taylor of Craven County. A younger aged Daniel appears again in the 1830 and 1840 Craven census. After 1840 there are no Daniel's in Craven County.

In the 1840 Craven census, Lott W. Humphrey resided in Craven County near Hiram Humphrey.<sup>15</sup> Lott Williams was the son of William Humphrey of Onslow County. Sometime after 1840 Lott returned to Onslow County. This migration, to and from Onslow County may have been common in the period. Several Onslow Humphrey family names, Daniel, Lott, and Lewis, appear in Craven and Onslow between 1810 - 1840.

*See Appendix A for more detail on Onslow Area Humphreys.*

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<sup>1</sup> *Colonists of Carolina*. Blanche Humphrey Abec. Page 3-1938. Craven County Library. Also see Appendix.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* Page 11.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.* Page 5.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.* Page 14.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.* Page 12.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.* Page 13.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.* Page 15.

<sup>13</sup> Craven and Onslow County Marriage records. Craven County Library.

<sup>14</sup> General Index to Deeds and Mortgages, Craven County, NC to 1912. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

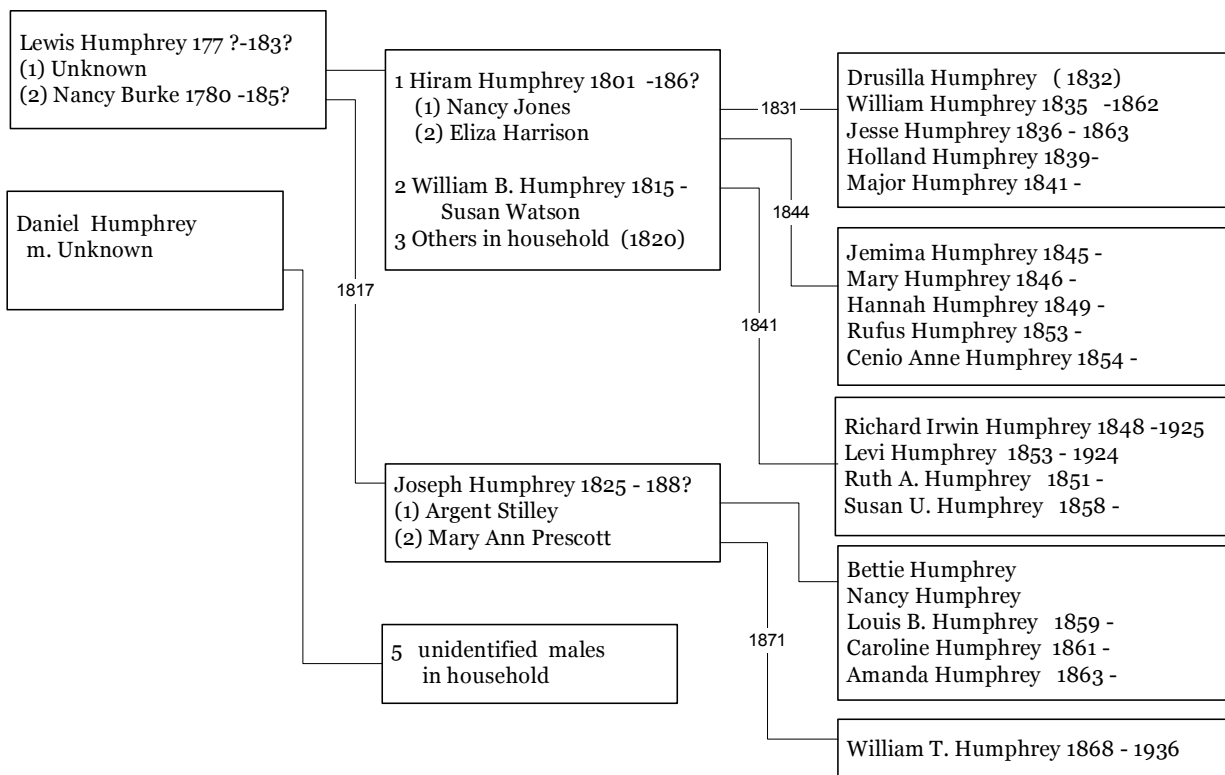
<sup>15</sup> 1840 Craven County Census. Pages 82 and 83. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

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## Chapter 3 Early Craven Area Humphreys

The earliest Craven County Humphrey record is the 1752 will from the Joseph Humphrey, of Bladen County, granting property to his nephew, Joseph Humphrey, son of John Humphrey.<sup>1</sup> A Joseph Humphries is listed in the 1770 colonial census in Craven County.<sup>2</sup> A Daniel Humphrey purchased land in 1810 and 1817 in the county.<sup>3</sup>

The federal censuses of 1790 and 1800 do not list any Humphreys in Craven County.<sup>4</sup> The 1810 Craven census being lost, the 1820 Craven census contains the first listing of Humphreys in the county, with heads of household named Daniel and Lewis Humphrey. Onslow county records have numerous records of Humphreys in 1790-1820 with similar names.<sup>5</sup> At this time, it appears the 1820-1860 Humphreys in Craven County are probably related to the early Humphreys of Onslow County.



**Figure 3 Overview of Lewis Humphrey Family**

Lewis Humphrey appears to be the patriarch of most of the Craven area Humphreys. The other heads of Humphrey households by 1840 appear to have either left Craven county, or did not have surviving sons. Daniel Humphrey possibly fathered the William Humphrey (shown above) but this writer favors the Lewis Humphrey lineage shown above.



### **Early Craven Generation 1**

**Lewis Humphrey** (c. 1775 – 1839) - Lewis first appears in Craven records with his marriage to Nancy Burke in 1817.<sup>6</sup> The 1820 Craven census lists 4 other males and 3 females in the household. This was likely a second marriage for Lewis Humphrey.<sup>7</sup> Lewis appears again in the 1830 Craven census and most likely died before the 1840 census.<sup>8</sup> His son, Joseph Humphrey, appears in an 1841 school district list submitted by Elisha Arnold.<sup>9</sup> His widow, Nancy Humphrey appears in the 1850, a solitary resident, age 70, as the neighbor of Elisha Arnold.<sup>10</sup>

In March 1791, a Lewis Humphreys was found guilty of petty larceny in Craven County court, and received 15 lashes on his bare back, 'well laid on'.<sup>11</sup>

The Craven County marriage register in 1871 records Joseph Hill Humphrey was the son of Lewis Humphrey and Nancy Burke.<sup>12</sup> The 1830 census lists Lewis Humphrey and several others in the household. The other members are likely Nancy, Hiram, and William, along with another unidentified male and two unidentified females.<sup>13</sup> This writer attributes these children to Lewis based on the census records, deeds, and the proximity of the families in the Core Creek area of Craven County.

Blanche Humphrey Abee's book lists an Eustace Humphrey and three sons, Lewis, David, and Eustace, Jr.

### **Early Craven Generation 2**

**Hiram Humphrey** (1801 – after 1860) Hiram first appears in Craven County with his marriage to Nancy Jones in 1831.<sup>14</sup> In 1840 Hiram is listed in the Craven census in the Wintergreen area near Cove City as the neighbor of Johnson Bryan, Sr, a wealthy farmer and owner of 26 slaves.<sup>15</sup> In 1844 Hiram married Eliza Harrison in Craven County.<sup>16</sup> In 1848, Hiram was subpoenaed to court as a witness in the paternity suit involving Johnson H. Bryan and Drusilla Ann Humphrey.<sup>17</sup> It appears Hiram was the father of Drusilla although the 1840 Craven census indicates Hiram's only recorded daughter, Holland, was only 10 years old in 1848.<sup>18</sup>

Hiram Humphrey's children by Nancy Jones were (Drusilla), William, Jesse, Holland, and Micajah. Hiram's second marriage to Eliza Harrison produced Hannah, Rufus, Jemima, Mary and Cenio Ann.<sup>19,20</sup> In the 1870 Craven census, Eliza Humphrey is head of household, an apparent widow, living with Rufus and Hannah in the 9<sup>th</sup> Township.<sup>21</sup> Hiram's children by the 1<sup>st</sup> marriage are no longer in the household.

**William B. Humphrey** (1815) William married Susan Watson in 1842 in Craven County.<sup>22</sup> In the 1850 census, William appears with wife, Susan, and minors Anna (1838) and Richard (1848).<sup>23</sup> William was not listed in the 1860

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census, his wife Susan was listed as S. M. Humphrey, age 37, along with along with minors Richard, Ruth, Levi, and Susan.<sup>24</sup>

**Joseph Hill Humphrey** (1825 – after 1880) Joseph was the son of Lewis and Nancy Humphrey.<sup>25</sup> In an 1841 Craven school list, Joseph and Osaida Humphrey are listed in school district #4 along with Jane B. Lane, and Rual Witherington. Submitting the list to the school board is Elisha Arnold, School Committee, signing with an 'X'.<sup>26</sup> In 1850, Joseph is listed in the Craven County census only on Schedule 2, as a slave owner holding 21 slaves.<sup>27</sup> In 1860, Joseph is listed in the Lenoir county census in the Sandhill District (southeastern Lenoir County) living in the household of Earl Stilley.<sup>28</sup> He married Argent Stilley; daughter of widower Earl Stilley and their children were Nancy, Bettie, Louis B., Caroline, and Amanda.<sup>29</sup> In 1879 Earl Stilley's will was probated in Onslow County naming grandchildren Bettie, Louis, Caroline, and Amanda.<sup>30</sup> After Argent's death in 1870-81, Joseph married Mary Ann Prescott in Craven County.<sup>31</sup> In the 1880 Craven census, Joseph and Mary's son, William, age 9, is listed living with his uncle, Richard Prescott.<sup>32</sup> In the 1880 Lenoir census, Joseph is listed as a widower along with children Bettie, Louis, and Amanda.<sup>33</sup> In the 1880-81 New Bern City Directory, Joseph is listed as a farmer living in Dover, NC.<sup>34</sup> His son, Louis Byrant Humphrey was a resident of Dover and is also well documented in Craven County.<sup>35,36</sup> Joseph H. Humphrey enlisted in the Confederate army in 1863 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Company E, Local Defense Troops as a Sergeant.<sup>37</sup>

### **Early Craven Generation 3**

**Drusilla Ann Humphrey** (1832-) Mother of John Humphrey, b. 1847, appears to be the daughter of Hiram Humphrey and Nancy Jones. Two other Drusilla Humphreys are in North Carolina in 1850 both listed in Robeson County. However, one is age 4 and the other age 80 in 1850, and they do not appear to be related at this time.<sup>38</sup> The only known record of a Drusilla Humphrey in Craven County is the 1848 court bond and the mention of Drusilla Ann Gardner in the Helen Price Humphrey bible of 1945.<sup>39</sup>

In January of 1848, Drusilla was summoned to Craven County court as an unwed mother; the document does not name the male child, however gives the date of birth as April 1, 1847, the well-documented birth date of John Humphrey.<sup>40</sup> A subsequent document in the file names Johnson H. Bryan (1824-1884) as the father, and Hiram Humphrey was subpoenaed as a witness.

In 1849, Drusilla Humphrey again appears in Craven County court files as the unwed mother of a female child born in 1848. The father of the child was David Jackson. After 1849, no further records of Drusilla or her daughter have been located in Craven county files.<sup>41</sup>

A curious coincidence in the 1850 census, is the neighbor of Nancy Humphrey, widow of Lewis Humphrey. Living next door is a Joseph Murphrey, age 34, and a Brazella Murphrey, age 29, and two children, John, age 3, and Dinah, age 2.<sup>42</sup> The ages of the two children correspond to the sex and age of Drusilla's children.

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There was also a Joseph Humphrey listed as a slave owner on Schedule 2 of the 1850 Craven census, but he was omitted from Schedule 1, free persons.<sup>43</sup>

**William Humphrey** (c. 1834) William was the son of Hiram Humphrey.<sup>44</sup> He is listed in 1841 in county school in Craven County along with his brother Jesse Humphrey, and neighbors, Johnson Bryan and Emeline Williams.<sup>45</sup> In 1860, William Humphrey is listed in Russell's District as a farm laborer.<sup>46</sup> A William J. Humphrey enlisted in the Confederate army on May 7, 1861 as a private in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F. William Humphrey died in 1862 on the march from Richmond to Culpeper.<sup>47</sup>

**Jesse Humphrey** (c. 1835) Jesse was the son on Hiram Humphrey.<sup>48</sup> He is also listed in the 1841 county school list with his brother, William. Jesse married Nancy Watson in 1858.<sup>49</sup> In the 1860 Craven census, Jesse is listed as a shoemaker in the household of G. W. West in Russell's district.<sup>50</sup> His wife, Nancy, of 1858, is not listed in the 1860 census. In 1861, Jesse Humphrey enlisted in the Confederate army, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F as a private. Jesse Humphrey died at Fredericksburg, Virginia in 1863 of disease.<sup>51, 52</sup>

**Richard Irwin Humphrey** (1848 – 1925) Richard, a.k.a. Ralph, a.k.a. Erwin, a.k.a. R. J. Irwin was the son of William B. Humphrey (1815) and Susan Watson and appears in the 1850 census.<sup>53</sup> He was born on May 16, 1848 and died on February 1, 1925.<sup>54</sup> In the 1860 census, Richard appears in the household of S. M. Humphrey, female, 37, along with his brother Levi, Ruth A., and Susan U. Humphrey.<sup>55</sup> Erwin Humphrey is listed in the 1870 Craven census as single, living in the household of John Moore, of Tuscarora.<sup>56</sup> In 1874 he married Caroline Moore, daughter of John Moore.<sup>57</sup> Caroline Moore was born on May 5, 1858 and died on September 24, 1928 in Craven County.<sup>58</sup> Their children were Mary (1874), John Richard Humphrey (1877), Martha (1878), and Daisy (1885) and 1 unidentified child.<sup>59</sup> Richard was a member of the Gethsemane FWB Church. His death is recorded in Gethsemane church records.<sup>60</sup> Irwin and Caroline Humphrey's death certificates indicate they were buried in a family cemetery in Tuscarora.<sup>61</sup> This writer speculates they are buried in the Moore cemetery in Tuscarora, in one of several unidentified graves.<sup>62</sup>

**Levi Humphrey** (1853 – 1924) Levi was the son of William Humphrey and his brother was Richard Humphrey.<sup>63</sup> Levi was born on July 24, 1853 and died on December 8, 1924 in Craven County.<sup>64</sup> In the 1870 Craven census Levi was a farm laborer living in the household of Daniel Daugherty, in the 9<sup>th</sup> Township.<sup>65</sup> In 1878, Levi married first, Mary Moore, daughter of John Moore of Tuscarora.<sup>66</sup> Mary died with no surviving children sometime in 1878-1880. In 1881, Levi married Kitty Moore, Mary's younger sister, and their children were Ben Frank Humphrey (1881) and Daisy Humphrey (1895).<sup>67, 68</sup> Levi and Kitty Humphrey were members of the Gethsemane FWB Church. Levi's death in 1924 was recorded in church records, and Levi was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora.<sup>69, 70</sup> The burial location of Kitty Humphrey is not known.

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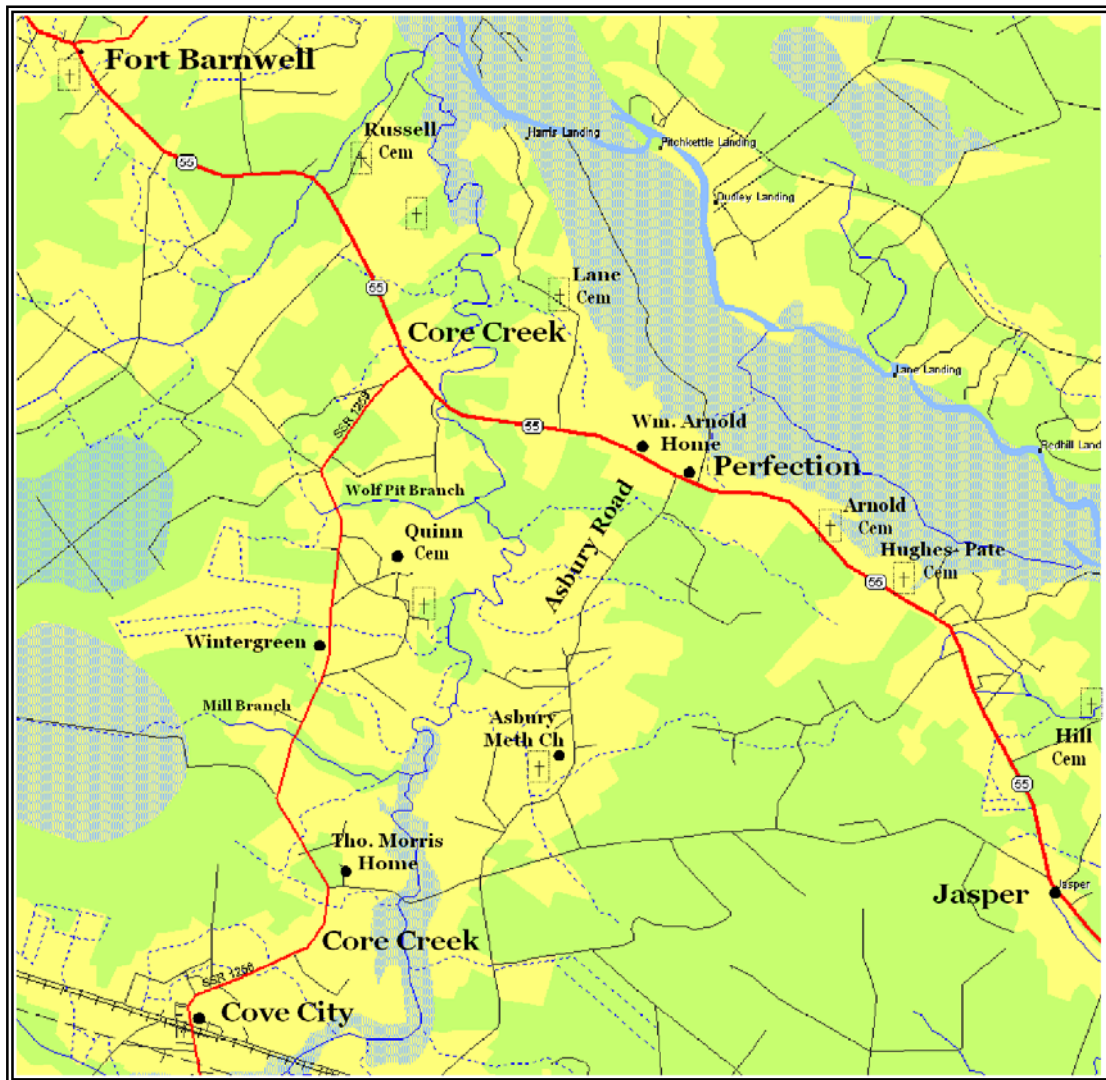
**Early Craven Generation 4**

**John Humphrey** (1847-1917) John Humphrey was the son of Drusilla Ann Humphrey and Johnson H. Bryan.<sup>71</sup> A Methodist hymnal indicates John was baptized about 1858 at the Asbury Methodist Church.<sup>72</sup> He appears in the 1860 Craven census living in the household of Matilda Morris, widow of Thomas Morris, in the Core Creek area.<sup>73</sup> In 1850, Matilda is a widow of means, with a productive farm of 530 acres.<sup>74</sup> Also living also on the farm in 1860 are Penelope Evans and the family of Leonard White.<sup>75</sup> Leonard and Winifred White lived in Lenoir County in 1850, and moved to Craven County before 1860 to help on this farm.<sup>76</sup> Their children were Frederick, 25, Benajah, 24, Reuben, 22, and Nancy, 20. Reuben White was a longtime resident of the Cove City area and was buried at the Avery Farm cemetery upon his death in 1888.<sup>77</sup>

**Unknown Humphrey** (1848-) Drusilla Ann Humphrey also had a second female child by David Jackson in 1848. No further information on this half-sister of John Humphrey has been found.<sup>78</sup> This child may possibly be Dinah, age 2, listed with Brazella Murphrey and a John, age 3, in the 1850 Craven census.<sup>79</sup>

A number of half-brothers and sisters of John Humphrey also lived in Craven County. These children of Johnson H. Bryan are listed in Chapter 16.

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**Figure 4 Core Creek Area Map**

*The Core Creek area of Craven County, including Perfection, Fort Barnwell, Asbury, Wintergreen, and Cove City. Most of the early Craven County Humphreys lived in this area of the county, along with the Arnold, Bryan, Lane, and Morris families about 1820-1860.*

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**Endnotes Chapter 3 Craven Area Humphreys**

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- <sup>1</sup> General Index to Deeds and Mortgages, Craven County, NC to 1912. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>4</sup> 1790 and 1800 North Carolina Federal Census Index. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>5</sup> The Records of Onslow County, North Carolina. Harriet Gwynn. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>6</sup> Craven County Marriages, 1780 – 1867. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>14</sup> Craven County Marriages 1780 – 1867. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>17</sup> Craven County Bastardy Bonds. 1820 – 1878. Folder 1848-1850. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>18</sup> 1840 Craven County Census. Page 82. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>19</sup> 1850 Craven County Census. Page 371B. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>20</sup> 1860 Craven County Census. EN 477, Russell's District. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>21</sup> 1870 Craven County Census. EN 218. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>22</sup> Craven County Marriages 1780 – 1787. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>24</sup> 1860 Craven County Census, EN. 450. Russell's District. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>25</sup> Heritage of Craven County, Vol. I. 1984. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>26</sup> 1840 Craven County School List. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>27</sup> 1850 Craven County Census. Schedule 2. Page 39. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>28</sup> 1860 Lenoir County Census. EN 626, Sandhill District. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>29</sup> 1870 Lenoir County Census, EN 45, Sandhill District. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>30</sup> Onslow County Wills. Earl Stilley, 1879. Records of Onslow County.
  - <sup>31</sup> Craven County Marriage Register, Volumes 2-7. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>32</sup> 1880 Craven County Census. EN 604. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>33</sup> 1880 Lenoir County Census, EN 105. Sandhill District. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>34</sup> 1880-81 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>35</sup> Heritage of Craven County, Volume I, 1984. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>36</sup> Along the Neuse, the Craven Bryan Family. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>37</sup> North Carolina Troops, Infantry, Volume III, Page 110. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>38</sup> 1850 North Carolina Census Index. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>39</sup> Family Bible of Helen P. Humphrey, published 1945. Family record by Jay Lee Humphrey Sr., ca. 1950.
  - <sup>40</sup> Craven County Bastardy Bonds. Microfilm. Frame 1224. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>41</sup> Craven County Bastardy Bonds. Microfilm. Frame 1213. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>49</sup> Craven County Marriages 1780 – 1867. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>50</sup> 1860 Craven County Census. EN 423, Russell's District. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>51</sup> North Carolina Troops, Infantry, Volume III, Page 436. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>52</sup> The New Bern Daily Progress. January 28, 1862. Page 2. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>53</sup> 1850 Craven County Census. Page 373B. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>54</sup> Craven County Death Certificate. 1925. Craven County Register of Deeds
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  - <sup>56</sup> 1870 Craven County Census. EN 354. Russell's District. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>57</sup> Craven County Marriage Register 1851-1905. Vols. 2-7. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>58</sup> Craven County Death Certificate. 1928. Craven County Register of Deeds
  - <sup>59</sup> 1880 Craven County Census. EN 621. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>60</sup> Gethsemane FWB Church, Our First 100 Years 1890-1990. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>61</sup> Craven County Death Certificate. 1928. Craven County Register of Deeds
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- <sup>65</sup> 1870 Craven County Census, EN 364, 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Craven County Library.
- <sup>66</sup> Craven County Marriage Register 1851-1905. Volumes 2-7. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
- <sup>67</sup> Craven County Marriage Register, 1851-1905. Volumes 2-7. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
- <sup>68</sup> 1900 Craven County Census. EN 37, 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
- <sup>69</sup> Gethsemane FWB Church, Our First 100 Years, 1890-1990. Craven County Library.
- <sup>70</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Vol. 2. Craven County Library.
- <sup>71</sup> Craven County Bastardy Bonds, 1820 – 1878. Microfilm. Frame 1224. Craven County Library.
- <sup>72</sup> Student Bible of John Humphrey. Collection of Charles P. Humphrey. New Bern, NC.
- <sup>73</sup> Craven County Wills. Thomas Morris. 1843. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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- <sup>75</sup> 1860 Craven County Census, EN 404. Russell's District. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
- <sup>76</sup> 1850 Lenoir County Census. Page 180B. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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- <sup>78</sup> Craven County Bastardy Bonds 1820-1878. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
- <sup>79</sup> 1850 Craven County Census. Page 327B. EN 981. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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## Chapter 4 More Craven Area Humphreys

Craven County estate records include John Humphrey (1789), William Humphrey (1767), and William S. Humphrey (1853). William S. was an Onslow merchant.<sup>1</sup>

**Benjamin Franklin Humphrey** (1881-1964) Frank was the son of Levi and Kitty Humphrey<sup>2</sup>, the husband of Pearl Skinner Humphrey, and father of Norman Cecil Humphrey.<sup>3</sup> Benjamin, Pearl and Norman are buried in the Hughes-Pate Cemetery near Jasper, NC. Pearl died in 1925 leaving several small children, including Geneva Humphrey later adopted by George R. Stewart of Clarks, NC. Geneva later married William E. Wetherington. The 1935 Craven tax list contains B. F. Humphrey, age 53, and Nellie Humphrey living in Tuscarora area with 5 acres.<sup>4</sup>

**Daniel Humphrey** is listed in the 1820 Craven Census with 5 males.<sup>5</sup> This is the only other Humphrey listed in 1820. This Daniel appears to have left the area by 1830. The 1830 census lists another younger Daniel age, 20-30 and 1 female.<sup>6</sup> By 1840, there are two Daniels in Craven, one age 30-40 with two females in the household, one possibly Ozaida Humphrey (see below).<sup>7</sup> The other was Daniel G. Humphrey, age 20-30, listed with one female.<sup>8</sup>

**Daniel A. Humphrey** married Mary R. Oliver in 1836 in Craven County.<sup>9</sup> By 1850 there are no Daniels listed in Craven. In 1820, Sheriff Davis transferred the property of a Daniel Humphrey to Abraham Taylor.<sup>10</sup>

**Delilah Humphrey** (1909) The daughter of John R. Humphrey (1877-1931) and sister of J. Richard Humphrey. She married Frank Wallis Williams in 1936.<sup>11</sup> Frank W. Williams (1903-1954) is buried in the Humphrey plot in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery.<sup>12</sup>

**Eliza Hill Humphrey** (1857 – 1883) The daughter of successful lawyer, Lotte Williams Humphrey and Rebecca G. Bradley, Eliza married Furnifold M. Simmons in 1875 in Jones County<sup>13</sup>. She died in 1883 and is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in New Bern.<sup>14</sup> F. M. Simmons later became an U. S. Senator 1901 - 1931, residing in Craven County.

**Fields Humphrey** (1883-1948) A. Fields Humphrey is buried in New Bern Memorial Cemetery along with wife Addie Henderson Humphrey (1886-1985).<sup>15</sup> Fields Humphrey was the son of William Humphrey of Onslow County.<sup>16</sup> Fields was listed in the 1911-12 City Directory as a laborer boarding at 44 Griffith Street.<sup>17</sup> The 1935 Craven tax lists A. Fields and Addie living on Route 2, Township 9, on 30 acres.<sup>18</sup> His obituary in the 1948 Sun Journal, states he was born in Jones County, was a long time resident of Rhems in Craven County, and left sons, Ben, Wade, Allen, and Roland, along with two unidentified daughters.

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**George Franklyn Humphrey** (1851 – 1891) married Marenda Thomas in 1875 and the children in household were Walter D. and Cyrus Humphrey in the 1880 Craven census.<sup>19</sup> He is listed in the 1880-81 City Directory as a clerk living on Hancock Street between Pollock and South Front Street.<sup>20</sup> He was the son of Sheriff Whitehead D. Humphrey of Onslow County and returned to Richlands, NC before his death in 1891.<sup>21</sup>

**Henry C. Humphrey** (1845-) married Louisa Moore (1861-) in 1888 in Craven County.<sup>22</sup>

**Hill ‘Big Ike’ Humphrey** (b. 1850) was the son of Margaret Humphrey, he also had a sister named Amanda Humphrey Alphin (b. 1845).<sup>23</sup> The 1880-81 City Directory lists Hill, a clerk, residing at the junction of Middle and Craven Streets.<sup>24</sup> The 1893 New Bern City Directory lists a Hill “Big Ike” Humphrey operating a dry goods and clothing store at 48 Middle Street and residing on Hancock Street.<sup>25</sup> An 1890 estate receipt on Hill’s stationery, proclaims: “Weighs 350 pounds, a six inch nose, wears no. 13 shoes, and a good looking man”.<sup>26</sup> In 1895 Hill and his wife Georgia G. Humphrey, sold the Big Ike’s Clothing Store on Middle Street along with a tract of land in Onslow County.<sup>27</sup> Hill was also a member of the Centenary Methodist Church of New Bern, joining in 1878 and transferring his certificate in 1887.<sup>28</sup>

**Hugh Humphrey (b. 1865)** – In the 1900 Craven census, Hugh was a single boarder living in E. Front Street and a clerk in dry goods.

**Ida E. Humphrey (d. 1891)** – Her estate papers are in Craven County records.<sup>29</sup> She was a minor and her guardian was Seth West, a prominent Dover alderman and businessman.

**John Richard Humphrey** (1876-1931) was the son of R. J. (Erwin) and Caroline Moore Humphrey<sup>30</sup>. John R. Humphrey was born on September 30, 1876 and died on June 19, 1931.<sup>31</sup> John Richard is listed in the 1900 Craven census married to Lola D. Moore, along with children Jesse F., age 2, and Nellie M., age 1.<sup>32,33</sup> Lola Humphrey died in 1905 and was buried at the Bethany Christian Church in Jasper, NC.<sup>34</sup> In 1906 John Richard married his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Lucy C. Wetherington, 1882-1978, daughter of Ruel and Sarah E. Wetherington.<sup>35</sup> John R. died in 1931 and was buried in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery.<sup>36</sup> Lucy is listed in the 1937 New Bern City Directory as the widow of J. R. Humphrey, along with Hazel Humphrey, a telephone operator, and Eleanor Humphrey, an office secretary, employed by John W. Biddle. These three ladies lived at 22 Queen Street in 1937.<sup>37</sup> John’s son, Clen Washington Humphrey (1907 – 1979), married Hazel Bell Griffin in 1927.<sup>38</sup> Lucy W. Humphrey died in 1978 and is also buried in New Bern Memorial Cemetery.<sup>39</sup> John’s son, Jesse F. Humphrey appears in the 1935 Craven tax list in Cove City.<sup>40</sup> Jesse died in 1948 and was buried at the Bethany Christian Church along side of his mother, Lola Moore Humphrey.<sup>41</sup>

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**John R. Humphrey** is listed in the 1881 New Bern City Directory as a clerk for John B. Ives residing at 10 Crescent Street.<sup>42</sup> This may be J. R. (Irwin) Humphrey (1848-1925), generally a Tuscarora resident, or yet another J. R. Humphrey.

**J. Richard Humphrey** (1912-1963) The son of John R. Humphrey (1877-1931) is buried in New Bern Memorial Cemetery. The 1935 Craven tax list contains a J. R. Humphrey, age 23, residing at 22 Queen Street.<sup>43</sup> He married Ann Ragsdale, and their son, Richard Humphrey, was born in 1950.

**Lewis D. Humphrey** (1822-) In the 1850 Jones census, the only male Humphrey listed in Jones County, residing in the Tuckahoe District with Catharine Humphrey, age 48.<sup>44</sup>

**Lott S. Humphrey** an Onslow resident, married Mary Shackelford in 1828 in Craven County.<sup>45</sup> It appears they did not reside in Craven County.

**Lotte William Humphrey** appears in the 1840 Craven Census, a single head of household in the Core Creek area.<sup>46</sup> He was the son of William Humphrey of Onslow County.<sup>47</sup> Lott does not appear in the 1850 Craven Census, however a Rett W. (should be Lott W.) does appear in the Craven County Roll of Honor (CSA).<sup>48</sup> Lott W. married Rebecca Bradley in Onslow County in 1856.<sup>49</sup> Lott W. appears in the 1860 Onslow County census as a professor at law.<sup>50</sup> In 1870, Lott appears in the Wayne County census as a lawyer with property holdings of \$100,000.<sup>51</sup> L. W. Humphrey, a member of Masonic Lodge No. 85, Jacksonville, NC, died in 1891 in Goldsboro, NC.<sup>52</sup>

**L. M. Humphrey** (1838 – after 1920) is listed in the 1920 Craven census residing at 153 Middle Street in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward of New Bern. She is listed as age 82, female, head of household and the record states her father was born in North Carolina and her mother was born in Massachusetts.<sup>53</sup>

**Louise Humphrey** (12-1860–01-17-1929) is buried in Cedar Grove cemetery (unmarked).<sup>54</sup> The 1926 New Bern City Directory lists Louise Humphrey residing in the CC Home for the Aged and Infirm.<sup>55</sup> She was the daughter of Lemuel Moore of Onslow Co.<sup>56</sup>

**Margaret Humphrey** (1813 – 1881) - Appears in the 1880 census as a widow living with her son, Hill Humphrey, a clerk in New Bern.<sup>57</sup> Margaret appears again in the Cedar Grove listing of unmarked graves.<sup>58</sup>

Another **Margaret Humphrey** (1838 – 1901) is buried in Cedar Grove and the gravestone also reads wife of Albert Elmer Humphrey.<sup>59</sup>

**Ozaida Humphrey** (1820-) first appears in the 1841 county school districts list with Joseph Humphrey.<sup>60</sup> Ozaida married Lewis Fife (1815-) in 1842 in Craven County. A Daniel Humphrey is listed as marriage bondsman.<sup>61</sup> Lewis and Ozaida Fife are listed in the 1850 census as living in New Bern and he is listed as blind.<sup>62</sup>

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They are listed in the 1860 census with no others in the household.<sup>63</sup> There appears to be no children from this marriage and no records of their deaths or burial locations have been found. She may have been the daughter of Lewis Humphrey or Daniel Humphrey; the relationship is not clear at this time.

**William Thomas Humphrey** (1868- 1936) and Hortense “Tensia” White were married in 1903.<sup>64</sup> They are buried in the Hughes-Pate Cemetery near Jasper, NC. William Thomas was the son of Joseph Hill Humphrey and Mary ‘Polly’ Prescott per the *Heritage of Craven County, 1984*.<sup>65, 66</sup> This 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage for John was recorded in 1871 in Craven County.<sup>67</sup> Young William appears to have been raised by an uncle, Richard Prescott, as he is listed in the 1880 census, age 9, in the Prescott household in Craven County.<sup>68</sup> Williams’s father, Joseph, is listed in the 1880 Lenoir census as a widower. Mary Prescott Humphrey appears to have died in childbirth or sometime before 1880.<sup>69</sup> Willie Humphrey, age 27, appears in the 1900 Craven census.<sup>70</sup> In 1903, William married Hortense White. Their children were Thelma, Lloyd, and Estelle.<sup>71</sup> William and Tensia Humphrey are buried in the Hughes-Pate Cemetery near Jasper, NC.<sup>72</sup>

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  - <sup>2</sup> 1900 Craven County Census. EN 37, 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>3</sup> 1920 Craven County Census. EN 58, 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>4</sup> 1935 Craven County Tax Listing. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>5</sup> 1820 Craven County Census. Page 78. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>6</sup> 1830 Craven County Census. Page 108. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>8</sup> 1840 Craven County Census, Page 52. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>9</sup> Craven County Marriage Index, 1780-1867. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>10</sup> Craven County Deeds. Book 42 page 25. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>11</sup> Craven County Marriages (Women). Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>12</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>13</sup> Genealogy and History of Jones County. 1987. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>23</sup> 1880 Craven County Census. EN 159, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, New Bern. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>24</sup> 1880-81 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>25</sup> 1893 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>26</sup> Craven County Estate Papers of Jame C. Syndance. 1890. Microfilm.
  - <sup>27</sup> Craven County Deeds. Book 116 Page 209. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>28</sup> Records of Centenary Methodist Church. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>29</sup> Craven County Estates 1745-1945. Microfilm # 892. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>30</sup> 1880 Craven County Census. EN 621, 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>31</sup> Craven County Death Certificate. 1931-140. Craven County Registrar of Deeds
  - <sup>32</sup> 1900 Craven County Census, 9<sup>th</sup> Township, Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>33</sup> Craven County Marriages, 1851-1905. Volumes 2-7. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>34</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 2. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>35</sup> Craven County Marriages (Women). Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>36</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>37</sup> 1937 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>38</sup> Along the Neuse, the Craven Bryan Family. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>39</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>40</sup> 1935 Craven County Tax List. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>42</sup> 1880-81 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>43</sup> 1935 Craven County Tax List. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>44</sup> 1850 Jones County Census. Page 133A. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>59</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1. Craven County Library.
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- <sup>63</sup> 1860 Craven County Census. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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- <sup>66</sup> Heritage of Craven County, Volume I. 1984. Craven County Library.
- <sup>67</sup> Craven County Marriages 1851-1905, Volumes 2-7. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
- <sup>68</sup> 1880 Craven County Census. EN 604, 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
- <sup>69</sup> 1880 Lenoir County Census, EN 105, Sandhills District. Craven County Library.
- <sup>70</sup> 1900 Craven County Census. EN 323, 3<sup>rd</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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## Chapter 5 Drusilla Ann Humphrey

Helen Price Humphrey has in her possession (8/2001), a white leather bible, and published in 1944 with a family history page she stated was completed by Jay Lee Humphrey (1881-1964) sometime before his death. This page records the parents of John Humphrey as John Humphrey and Drusilla Ann Gardner. This page also records the grandparents of John Humphrey as John Hill Humphrey and Drusilla Gardner, probable entry duplication.

Martha Simpson Humphrey also recalls a baby book for her son, Hal Humphrey, Jr., about 1950, with similar entries by Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr.

After their family research in the 1980s, Martha Simpson Humphrey and Virginia Hamilton Humphrey agreed on the likelihood of John Humphrey being of illegitimate birth.

Nannie Wetherington Humphrey recalls her mother, Letha Moore Wetherington (1890-1958), stating John Humphrey was illegitimate and the mother lived on a farm near Cove City as a young girl next door to the father of her child.

The NC Archives microfilm record, Craven County Bastardy Bonds 1820 - 1878, has a folder dated 1848 – 1849, with several documents naming Drusilla Ann Humphrey. An examination document dated November 20, 1848 states that Drusilla had a male child born April 1, 1847. This date is the accepted, recorded date of birth for John Humphrey. Drusilla signed the document with her mark, as she could not write her name. Hiram Humphrey (father) was also subpoenaed. Samuel Biddle and William Wadsworth, both Justices of the Peace, signed the document. They both appear in the 1860 census as wealthy Craven County landowners in or around the Cove City – Ft. Barnwell area.<sup>1</sup>

Drusilla is referenced in several of the documents as Drusilla, Drusilla Ann, Ann and Priscilla. There is also a second bond referring to Drusilla Ann Humphrey and David Jackson with a female child born September 28, 1848.<sup>2</sup> This bond is also listed in an index of North Carolina Bastardy Bonds, however Drusilla's first child was omitted from that index, probably due to the jumbled nature of the original microfilm record.<sup>3</sup>

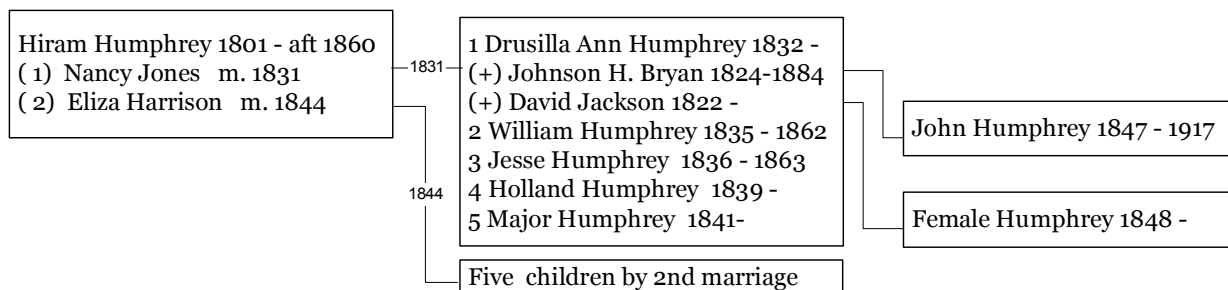
The actual bond for the male child of Drusilla Ann Humphrey born on April 1, 1847 is charged against Johnson H. Bryan of Craven County.<sup>4</sup> His bondsmen, Abner N. Arman and Graves Fonville also signed the document on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1848.

There is a second bond charged to David Jackson for a female child born to Drusilla Humphrey on September 28, 1848 and was litigated in April-June 1849.<sup>5</sup> This child may possibly be Dinah, age 2, listed with Brazella Murphrey and a John, age 3, in the 1850 census.

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There is a third bond charged to Johnson H. Bryan for a female child born to Emeline 'Emma' Williams in September 1849.<sup>6</sup> Emma attended county school with Bryan Johnson in 1841 along with Jesse and William Humphrey.<sup>7</sup>

This record reveals John Humphrey was likely the son of Drusilla Ann Humphrey and Johnson H. Bryan. The family bible entries by Jay Lee Humphrey may be a 'sanitized' version of the original facts. The elusive Drusilla may be the Brazella Murphrey in the 1850 census. In 1860, John Humphrey appears to be an orphan in the home of Matilda Morris, and no records on Drusilla after 1849 have been found to date.



**Figure 5 Drusilla Humphrey Family Tree**

**Abner Armanie** A bondsman signing the 1848 bond on behalf of Johnson Bryan. In the 1850 census, Abner was a merchant in New Bern, born in the West Indies.<sup>8</sup>

**Samuel S. Biddle** (1811-1872) Justice of the Peace signed the 1848 court examination of Drusilla Ann Humphrey. He is buried in the Biddle Cemetery near Ft. Barnwell, NC.<sup>9</sup> He married Mary Bryan (1819 – 1843), daughter of General J.O.K. Williams. Mary is buried in the Biddle Cemetery near Ft. Barnwell.<sup>10</sup>

**Elizabeth J. Rhem** (1839 – 1900). Second wife of Johnson H. Bryan. Buried in the Russell Cemetery on Core Creek Landing Road near Ft. Barnwell, NC. Also buried with Elizabeth are son George H. Bryan, and daughter, Susan Bryan Hartley.

**Jane B. Lane Bryan** (1823–1867) Jane married Johnson Bryan in 1849. She died in 1867 and is buried in the Lane Family Cemetery near Fort Barnwell, NC.<sup>11</sup> She was the daughter of Capt. John T. Lane.

**Johnson H. Bryan (Jr.)** (1824-1884) lived near Cove City. Johnson H. Bryan was the son of Johnson Bryan, Sr. (1788-1856) and executor of his father's sizeable estate.<sup>12</sup> His mother, Elizabeth Bryan (1789-1831), maiden name also Bryan, married Johnson Bryan, Sr. in 1817.<sup>13</sup> Johnson H. Bryan died intestate in 1884<sup>14</sup> and was buried in the Quinn Cemetery on SR 1253 near Cove City, NC. <sup>15</sup> Johnson should not to be confused with John H. Bryan, a prominent New Bern lawyer.



**Johnson H. Bryan, Sr.** (1788 – 1856) lived near Cove City, NC. He is buried in the Quinn Cemetery on SR1253 near Cove City along with his wife Elizabeth Bryan (maiden name Bryan) and son, Johnson H. Bryan. Several other family members are also buried at this location. In 1850, Johnson Bryan lived with his son Richard.<sup>16</sup> The Bryan family was prominent in the Wintergreen area. Johnson Bryan's estate was sizeable and considerable detail can be found in the estate record.

**Graves Fonville** A bondsman signing the 1848 bond on behalf of Johnson Bryan. He appears in the 1840 Craven census, age 30-40, living on the south side of the Neuse River, a slave owner holding 19 slaves.<sup>17</sup>

**Drusilla Ann Humphrey** The Drusilla Ann Gardner Humphrey named in the bible entry by Jay L. Humphrey could not be located in Craven County records. There are no marriage records in Craven County naming a Gardner – Humphrey marriage. There are no census records revealing a Gardner–Humphrey family unit in Craven County or surrounding counties. No cemetery records have been found relating to this relationship. Drusilla Ann Humphrey has been found in only county court records, and these records reveal her maiden name as Humphrey not Gardner.<sup>18</sup> The record also indicates she was illiterate.

**Hiram Humphrey** (1801, died after 1860) Hiram Humphrey appears in the court record as being summoned for testimony in the Drusilla Humphrey - Johnson Bryan case. Hiram is not listed in the 1830 census. Hiram is listed in the 1840 census living on the south side of the Neuse River, in the Core Creek area.<sup>19</sup> His neighbor in 1840 is Johnson Bryan, Sr. In 1840, Hiram was 30-40 years old with a household consisting of 1 female 30-40, 1 female under 5, 2 males, ages 10-20 and 5 slaves. In 1831, Hiram married Nancy Jones in Craven County. In 1844, Hiram married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Eliza Harrison.<sup>20</sup> In the 1850 census, Hiram Humphrey was a farmer, age 49. Two of his sons, Jesse and William Humphrey are also listed in the 1850 census.<sup>21</sup> He is listed also in the 1860 census living in the 9<sup>th</sup> Township.<sup>22</sup> The two sons, Jesse and William, attended school in 1841 in the same school district with Johnson H. Bryan and Emeline Williams.<sup>23</sup> There is not a record of a female Humphrey attending school with this group. There are no estate records, cemetery records, or land transactions for Hiram Humphrey in Craven County. In 1850, there was a Holland Humphrey, age 11, residing in the household of Hiram Humphrey. Therefore Holland Humphrey was probably the 1840 Craven census listing and Drusilla Humphrey was not listed in the 1840 census. Hiram and Nancy's marriage date of 1831 is consistent with the possibility of a daughter, Drusilla, being of childbearing age by 1847.

**Lewis Humphrey** (1775? – 183?) Lewis enters the Craven County records in 1817 with his marriage to Nancy Burke. Lewis Humphrey is listed in the 1820 Craven census, and 1830 Craven census records reveal 6 others in the household.

**Nancy Humphrey** (1780 – after 1850) Nancy, widow of Lewis Humphrey, was listed in the 1850 census as a solitary head of household.<sup>24</sup> The order of census

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enumeration places her home between Brazella Murphrey and Elisha Arnold (grandfather to Julia Arnold Humphrey, wife of John Humphrey).

**Matilda Morris** (1801- after 1860) Matilda is listed as female head of household in the 1860 census. She owned \$1,000 in real estate and had personal property valued at \$11,200.<sup>25</sup> John Humphrey is listed in the household as age 13. Matilda was the widow of Thomas Morris, d. 1843. Thomas Morris is listed in the 1840 Craven census and was listed with a female in the household of age 40-50 but no children.<sup>26</sup> The 1843 will of Thomas Morris left his estate to Matilda for the remainder of her life, to be sold after her death and dispersed among heirs: his nephew, Lewis M. Loftin, his sister Sally Morris Heath, wife of Edward Heath, and his niece Mary Hill, wife of Simon Hill, and friends Jeremiah Fonville, John T. Lane, and John Harris.<sup>27</sup>

**Brazella Murphrey** (1821-) - The 1850 Craven County census lists a Brazella Murphrey, illiterate, a possible name permutation of Drusilla<sup>28</sup> or may be a correct listing as there is a old testament biblical name, Barzillai. Brazella is listed as age 29, illiterate, a child, John, age 3, child, Dinah, age 2, in the household of Joseph Murphrey, age 34. The children's ages are consistent with the dates on the court bonds for Drusilla Humphrey. Furthermore, Brazella and the family lived in the neighborhood with Nancy Humphrey, Elisha Arnold, Johnson H. Bryan, and the Lane family.<sup>29</sup> Later county census and cemetery records do not place Drusilla or Brazella.

**William B. Wadsworth** (1809 -) Justice of the Peace, signed the 1848 court examination of Drusilla Ann Humphrey. He is listed in the 1850 census living in the Ft. Barnwell area.<sup>30</sup> He was married to Mary G. Harris, daughter of Enoch Harris, and Mary is buried in the Lane Cemetery near Ft. Barnwell, NC.<sup>31</sup>

**Leonard White** In 1860, Leonard is listed as a farmer, age 45, in the household of Matilda Morris.<sup>32</sup> Winifred was his wife, and children were Frederick, Benajah, Reuben, and Nancy. In 1850, this White family is listed in the Lenoir county census.<sup>33</sup> They appear to have moved into Craven County before 1860. It is not known if John Humphrey was a dependent of Leonard White or Matilda Morris. Reuben and Frank White were long time residents of Cove City and are buried in the area.<sup>34</sup>

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State of North Carolina }  
 Craven County }

To Any lawful officer

Whereas, upon the examination of Drusilla Ann Humphrey, this day taken on oath before us, it appears that she has been delivered of a child, which child is a bastard and was born on the first day of April 1847. And may be come chargeable to the said County: And the said Drusilla Ann Humphrey hath confessed that Johnson & Bryan, of the said County, did begot the said child, and hath charged him with the same: These are therefore to command you to apprehend the said Johnson & Bryan and bring him before us, or any two Justices of the Peace, for said County, to answer the said charge. Given under our hands and seals, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1848

W. W. Adamsworth J.P.

Samuel J. Bidelle J.P.

**Figure 6 Court Examination of Drusilla Humphrey**

Photocopy of Craven County Record for the examination by the Court of Drusilla Ann Humphrey, 1848, identifying a male child born in 1847. Transcription of text follows.

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***Transcriptions of the Court Bonds*****STATE of NORTH CAROLINA  
CRAVEN COUNTY**

To any lawful officer, Whereas upon the examination of **Drusilla Ann Humphrey**, this day taken an oath before us, it appears that she has been delivered of a child, which child is a bastard and was born on the first day of April 1847. And may become chargeable to the Said County: And the Said **Drusilla Ann Humphrey** hath confessed that **Johnson H. Bryan**, of the Said County, did beget the Said child, and hath charged him with the Same. These are therefore to command you to apprehend the Said **Johnson H. Bryan** and bring him before us, or any two Justices of the Peace, for Said County, to answer the Said charge. Give under our hands and Seals, this 31st day of January AD 1848.

William B. Wadsworth      J P  
Samuel S. Biddle          J P

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**CRAVEN COUNTY**

Know all men by these presents that We **Johnson H. Bryan, Abner A. N. Arman, Graves Fonville** are held and firmly bound unto the State of North Carolina in the just and full sum of One hundred pounds, to payment whereof well and truly to be made, to the said State, we bind ourselves and respective heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March. 1848

The conditions of the above obligation is such, that whereas the above bounden **Johnson H. Bryan** is charged with begotten a bastard male child upon the body of **Drusilla Humphrey** a single woman, now if the said **Johnson H. Bryan** his executors or administrators shall well and truly perform such order as the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Craven County, shall make respecting the maintenance of such child and indemnify the parish of said County, from all charges for the maintenance of said child, then the above obligation of said child, then the above obligation to be null and void.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
In presence of  
*Signatures of Court Officers*

Johnson H. Bryan      SEAL  
A. N. Arman              SEAL  
Graves Fonville        SEAL

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*Transcriptions of the Court Bonds***STATE of NORTH CAROLINA  
CRAVEN COUNTY**

Whereas upon the examination of **Drusilla Humphrey**, this day taken an oath before us, it appears that she has been delivered of a child, which child is a bastard, and may become chargeable to the Said County; And the Said Drusilla Humphrey hath confessed that **David Jackson**, of the County aforesaid, did beget the Said child, and hath charged him with the Same. These are therefore to command you to apprehend the Said **David Jackson** and bring him before us, or any two Justices of the Peace, for Said County, to answer the Said charge. Give under our hands and Seals, this 16th day of April AD 1849.

William B. Wadsworth	J P
Samuel S. Biddle	J P

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**CRAVEN COUNTY**

Know all men by these presents that We **David Jackson, Jesse McCoy** are held and firmly bound unto the State of North Carolina in the just and full sum of One hundred pounds, to payment whereof well and truly to be made, to the said State, we bind ourselves and respective heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June. 1849

The conditions of the above obligation is such, that whereas the above bounden **David Jackson** is charged with begotten a bastard female child upon the body of **Ann Humphrey** a single woman, now if the said **David Jackson** his executors or administrators shall well and truly perform such order as the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Craven County, shall make respecting the maintenance of such child and indemnify the parish of said County, from all charges for the maintenance of said child, then the above obligation of said child, then the above obligation to be null and void.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
In presence of  
Signatures of Court Officers

David Jackson	SEAL
Jesse McCoy	SEAL

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## Endnotes Chapter 5 Drusilla Humphrey

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  - <sup>9</sup> Craven County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Volume 2, p. 221. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>17</sup> 1840 Craven County Census, Page 77. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>21</sup> 1850 Federal Census Craven County, NC. EN 1723. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>22</sup> 1860 Federal Census Craven County, NC. EN477. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>23</sup> 1841 School Records, Craven County, NC. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>24</sup> 1850 Federal Census Craven County, NC. Page 327B. EN 982. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>27</sup> Craven County Wills, Book D, p. 73. Microfilm Roll 248. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>28</sup> 1850 Federal Census Craven County, NC. Page 327B. EN 981. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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## Chapter 6 The John Humphrey Family

John Humphrey was born on April 1, 1847 in Craven County, North Carolina. His mother, Drusilla Humphrey, was the daughter of Hiram Humphrey and Nancy Jones of Craven County. John Humphrey does not appear in the 1850 census; however, the court bonds of 1848 and 1849 indicate his mother, Drusilla, also had a daughter born in 1848. Other than the court bonds, there are no records in Craven County concerning Drusilla and her daughter, John's half-sister.

In the 1850 Craven census, there is a listing for a Joseph Murphrey, Brazella, John and Dinah living in the adjacent house to Nancy Humphrey, the widow of Lewis Humphrey<sup>1</sup>. Also Joseph Humphrey, uncle of Drusilla, appears only in the Schedule 2 slave owner's listing but not in the Schedule 1 inhabitants, along with Nancy Humphrey and others.<sup>2</sup> Research into later records found no listings for Joseph and Brazella Murphrey and their children. At this time, the writer can only speculate that Barzella may be the missing Drusilla and her children.

A small Methodist hymnal, owned by John Humphrey, dated about 1858-9, is in the possession of Charles P. Humphrey, great grandson of John.<sup>3</sup>

In the 1860 Craven census, John Humphrey appears for the first time in public records, age 13, apparently an orphan, in the household of Matilda Morris, a widow, in the area of Core Creek in Craven County. The family of Leonard White also lived with Matilda. Migrating from Lenoir County after 1850, this White family settled in the area, Leonard's sons, Frank and Reuben, are buried in the Cove City area.<sup>4</sup>



**Figure 7 Thomas Morris House, c. 1820.**

John Humphrey enlisted in the Confederate army on September 27, 1861 at the age of 14 ½, and was listed as a farmer, 5 feet 6 inches tall. Family history has John being discharged in Kinston, with a single silver dollar to his name, walking the railroad line back to Craven County.<sup>5</sup>

In 1867, John Humphrey is listed in the extant voter registration of 1867, returning the vote to citizens taking the oath of allegiance to the federal government. John Humphrey does not appear in the 1870 Craven census.<sup>6</sup>

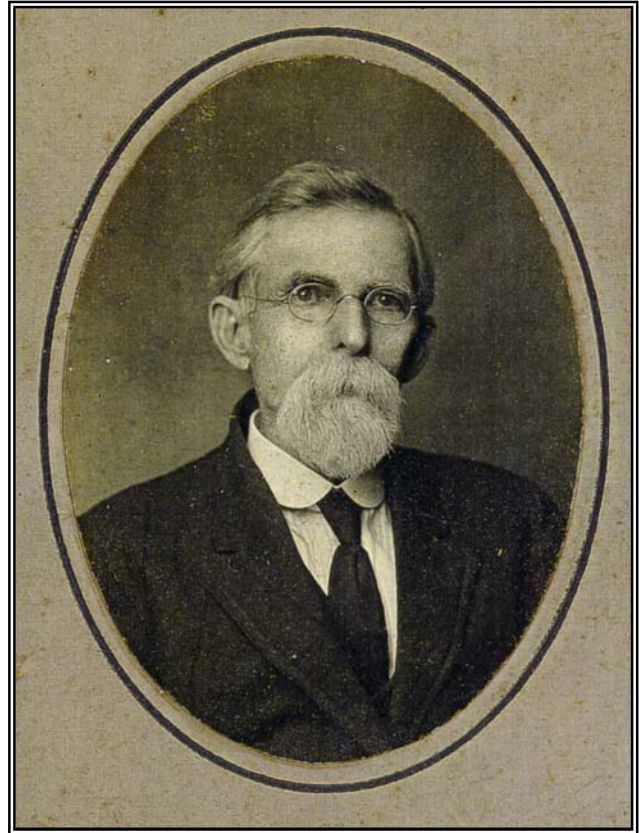
John Humphrey and Julia Eleanor Arnold were married on February 21, 1877 in Perfection, Craven County in the home of William Arnold, Julia's father. This

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home still stands on NC Highway 55 in the Perfection area. Daniel Culbreth, Methodist minister of Beech Grove (1872-1876), performed the ceremony and the witnesses were William W. Prescott, George Milton Lancaster, and John Washington Stewart.<sup>7</sup>

Of the witnesses, William W. Prescott married Julia's older sister, Eliza Arnold (1853-1934) and George M. Lancaster married Julia's older sister, Harriet Arnold (1850-1915). William Prescott's sister, Mary "Polly" Prescott was married in 1871 to Joseph Humphrey, cousin of John Humphrey. John W. Stewart later became a prominent businessman in New Bern, owning a stable, and later was the sales agent and Treasurer for the Enterprise Brick and Tile Manufacturing Company of Clarks.<sup>8</sup>

***Figure 8 Photo of John Humphrey***



John and Julia made their home in Craven County in Clarks. On December 3, 1878 John purchased a tract of land from E. R. Stanley for \$1200. The tract was bounded by Bachelor Creek on the west, south of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, bounded on the east by the land of Henry J. B. Clark, and on the south by the land of the estate of John H. Richardson and others. The agreement purchased the land for an initial payment and annual payments of \$200 for four years. Part of the purchase was an agreement to maintain the buildings on the land. The mortgage was recorded as cancelled in 1891. The brickyard is documented on the Lt. Col. Guion (CSA) map of 1864 and the old home existed before the war. The original home was of pegged beam construction and over many years additional rooms were added and wood siding added to the home. Two more generations of Humphreys lived in the home before it was destroyed by fire in 1966.<sup>9</sup>

The first of John and Julia's children, Laura Gertrude Humphrey, was born on November 30, 1877.

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John, Julia and Laura are listed in the 1880 Craven census residing in Clarks in the 8<sup>th</sup> Township of Craven County. John was a farmer and Julia's occupation was housekeeper in 1880.<sup>10</sup>

Besides farming, John was also involved with a brick business. A versatile man, John was a progressive farmer, helping introduce soybeans to the Craven area. John also wrote articles for farming periodicals and was a Justice of the Peace. John sold medicines and would weight out doses for his customers. A family story has John sewing a severed finger back on a man's hand after an accident. John was a proponent of education and taught school for a time.<sup>11</sup>

**Figure 9 Photo of  
Julia Arnold Humphrey**



After operating the brickyard for many years, John opened a dairy in Clarks and his son, Jay Lee Humphrey, operated the brickyard.

The oldest son, Jay Lee Humphrey, was born on August 16, 1881 in Clarks. Jay Lee's brother, John William Humphrey, was born on July 7, 1884. The last child, a daughter, Clara Julia Humphrey, was born on January 2, 1886.<sup>12</sup>

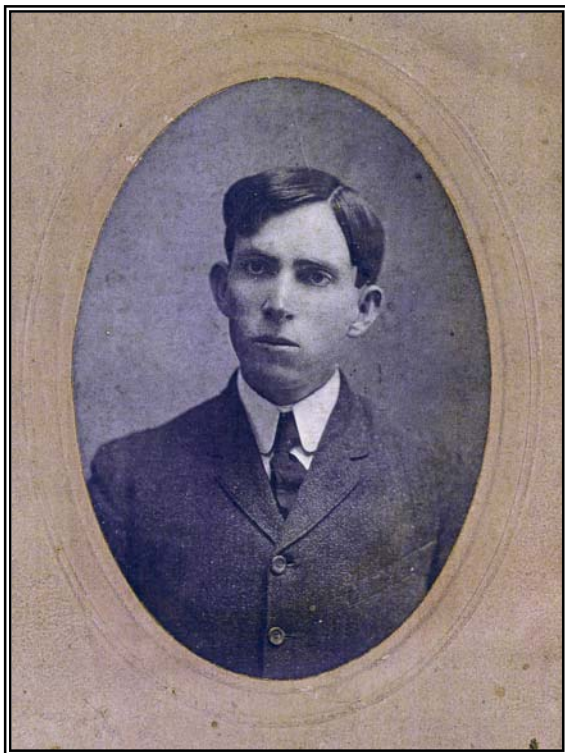
**Figure 10  
Photo of the  
John Humphrey  
family**

Taken about 1909 in Clarks. Front row; John and Julia Humphrey, Back row; l-r, Jay L. Humphrey, Hal Foscue, Clara Humphrey Foscue, John W. Humphrey and two cats. The overhead streak is the smoke from a passing train.

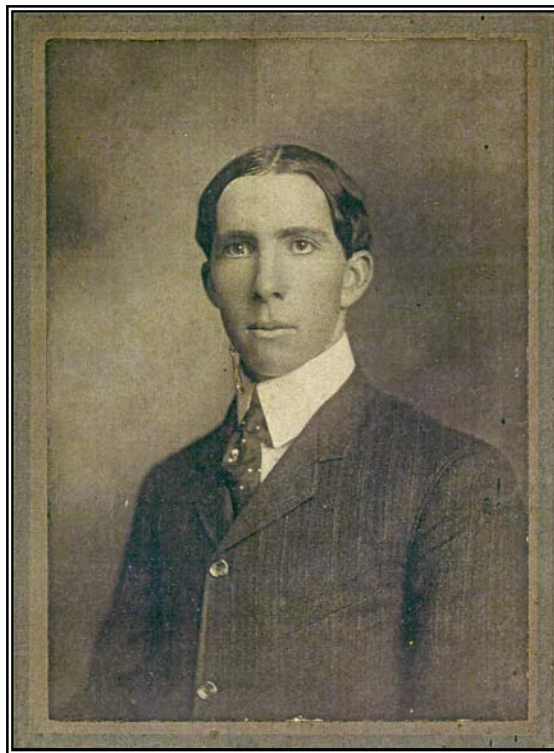




*Figure 11 Photo of  
Laura G. Humphrey, c. 1882*



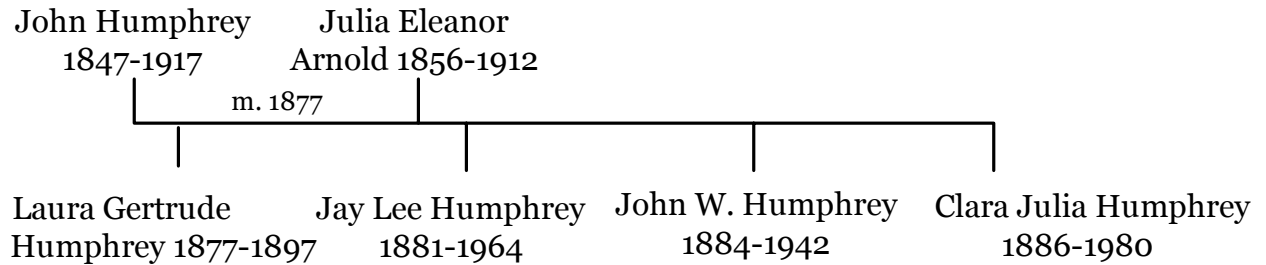
*Figure 12 Photo of Jay Lee Humphrey*



*Figure 13 Photo of John W. Humphrey*

Laura Gertrude died on September 25, 1897 and was buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection, along with other members of the Arnold family.<sup>13</sup>

In 1900, John and Julia Humphrey are listed in the Craven census, along with John, Jay, and Clara.<sup>14</sup>



**Figure 14 John Humphrey Family Tree**

John and Julia along with other Methodist families in the area attended the Beech Grove Methodist Church at Bellair. This church was built in 1871 and dedicated in 1876. Several Clark's residents are buried in the church graveyard.<sup>15</sup>



**Figure 15 Beech Grove Methodist Church**

John and Julia were members of the Clarks Methodist Church, founded in 1905. John served as the first Superintendent of the Sunday School. Son Jay Lee, and daughter, Clara Julia were active in collecting money to built the church. In the 1970s, the Clarks Methodist Church, build a new sanctuary, and the church was purchased by William G. Humphrey, and moved to the Jay Lee Humphrey home place. The old church building still stands in 2002.<sup>16</sup>

The Humphreys were involved with fund raisers for the new Methodist Church in Clarks, two invitations survived in the estate papers of Clara Foscue Bennett:

## "MEASURING PARTY."

You are very much requested,  
To be up and specially interested,  
In a measuring party that's to be,  
At the Methodist Church of Clark's, N. C.  
On the evening of February 15th, 1907,  
Hours from seven right on to eleven.  
Only a nickel for each foot you're tall,  
And one cent for every inch over is all.  
Please bring or send your mite  
To us on that glorious night,  
We'll be glad to have you with us,  
So come along and do not fuss,  
About the little price we ask  
For finishing a church is our task.  
We are trying our church to complete,  
So come dear friends and help with your feet.

Bring or send to

MRS. JOHN HUMPHREY,  
CLARK'S, N. C.

**Figure 16 Measuring Party  
Invitation, 1907**

## GLOVE PARTY For M. E. Church, CLARK'S, N. C.

This Glove Party is given to you,  
'Tis nothing novel: 'Tis nothing new,  
We send to each this little mit,  
You may be sure 'twill not fit.

Just multiply your size by three,  
Place within this mit so *wee*,  
In pennies, nicks or dimes  
Your size multiplied three times.

With greetings most hearty,  
We'll receive you at this party,  
Hours from eight to eleven,  
Or, you could enter at seven.

There'll be no other fine,  
So you surely need'nt whine.

**Figure 17 Glove Party Invitation**



Jay Lee and John attended North Carolina State College in Raleigh, North Carolina. Traveling from the Clarks railroad station to Raleigh, they befriended a fellow student, Haliburton Foscue, from nearby Jones County. Haliburton Josephus Foscue married Clara Julia Humphrey on November 16, 1906 in the Clarks Methodist Church. The ceremony was performed by George B. Webster, and witnessed by M. W. Foscue and W. B. Foscue.<sup>17</sup>



**Figure 18** *John W. Humphrey, Hal Foscue, Jay L. Humphrey*



**Figure 19** *The Clarks Methodist Church, circa 1905*

*Established in 1905, the original church building shown above was moved to the Jay Lee Humphrey Sr. homesite about 1980. A new church structure was built on the original site in Clarks, NC. Photo 2002 by the author.*

John Humphrey built a new home on the south side of Deep Branch in Clarks. The wooden two-story home, of typical farmhouse design, stood until the 1980s. A photograph of the home and family, about 1912, shows, Hal Foscue, Clara Humphrey Foscue, Sara Julia Humphrey (b. 1911), and John Humphrey. The original photograph was in the possession of Clara Foscue and in the 1970s was restored and distributed by William Grey Humphrey. Unfortunately, the name of the dog remains a mystery.<sup>18</sup>

The dignified home stood between two large brick chimneys, the parlor walls were plastered, and the home boasted gas lighting, supplied by a self-contained acetylene gas generator in the yard. When the house was electrified much later, the electrical wires were routed through the old gas pipes to the new lighting. William G. Humphrey acquired and restored the exterior of the home in the 1970s and the home stood until it was destroyed by fire in the 1980s.



The John Humphrey home circa 1912. Left to right: Haliburton J. Foscue, Clara J. H. Foscue, John Humphrey, and Sara Julia Foscue.



***Figure 20 The John Humphrey Home***

Back of the John Humphrey home, circa 1980, after restoration work by William G. Humphrey. Photo courtesy of William C. Humphrey.

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# Enterprise Brick & Tile Mfg. Co.

Clarks, N. C., April 13 1909

Dear Son,

Your card came this am. & found us all well & glad to hear that you were well.

Herbert is able to get to the phone, and is all right I hope.

We are having some misty rain & plenty of wind today. We are having a regular phone ringing time now, they have added the Jasper b'ple into our line, & sometimes it is hard to get central, hope the line won't be so busy, after the new wires off.

Hubs sickness has put us much behind with En. work & some with ours, have all the high-land corn in, the goats fenced in poplar cut, & are about ready for cotton & swamp.

I have had more offers of farm help than usual but have not hired any yet. The En. is going to have some wood cut in the Jeffers section & I expect this will cut our help short, in the summer. I don't think the last cold did much harm, killed our d.p.o. some, & all the Johnson & ass. Ind. went to a candle stu-

**Figure 21 John Humphrey Letter, 1909**

Written by John Humphrey to his son, Jay Lee Humphrey in 1909.

at Mrs. G. J. Eubanks'

Clara & H. went home yes. pm.  
The new pigs are looking well, but the sows  
seem to have had too much corn & are off  
their feed, expect it will make the pigs look  
bad, if it continues, am going to feed some  
bran & boiled soy beans for a while, with  
a little corn by &c.

The oats are looking well.

Will close with

Much love

Papa

John William Humphrey and Eva Lane Pittman were married on December 22, 1910 in Craven County. Hal Foscue and Clara J. Foscue witnessed the marriage. J. R. Hurley performed the marriage, in the New Bern Township. An additional note, the license records that Eva's parents, Charles and Annie Pittman were living in Kinston in 1910.<sup>19</sup>

Julia A. Humphrey died on January 28, 1912, the cause of death unknown. Julia was buried in the family graveyard on the home place off SR 1225 in Clarks. The following obituary appeared in the New Bern Sun Journal in the February 2, 1912 issue:

**Died,** Sunday morning at heir home in Clarks, Mrs. J. H. Humphrey. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist Church Monday morning by Rev. J. M. Wright, and the interment made in the cemetery at that place. Mrs. Humphrey had a large number of friends in this city who will learn with regret of her death.

The above reference to the Baptist church may be incorrect, as Julia and John were fervent Methodists and supporters of the Clarks Methodist Church.

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The New Bern Weekly Journal of February 6, 1912 carried the following:

***In Memoriam.***

*Seldom are relatives and friends more shocked and pained then when on Sunday morning last, the sad news passed from lip to lip, "Mrs. John Humphrey is dead!" How could we believe it; when so late'y we had seen her well, seemingly strong and full of life. When a young life is taken away just in the flush of youth, we sometimes say "this is saddest time to die"; but when they have just reached the "high noon" of life and the toilsome weariness of the journey is changing into the quiet joys and ?eanties of the noontide glow: when we feel that the much deserved rest has begun after the toilsome climb to the summit and quite enjoyments of a calmer view of life. There we catch the radiance of the eventide glow before we begin the journey towards the summit. Surely this is a sadder time to let the go. But what a beautiful gem-crowned life she left us! Faithful and true as a wife, fond and loving as a mother; as ever strong and faithful friend; a full type all rounded Christian character. But through our tears we can smile and say with an infinite trust to His love; as we gaze sadly out at the lovely flowers and radiant face of nature that she loved so well, "He maketh sore and he bindeth up, He woundeth and His hands make whole".*

***"A Friend"***

Jay Lee Humphrey and Stella Rosa Pittman, sister of Eva, were married on July 31, 1912, in Lenoir County. Brother John W. Humphrey was a witness.<sup>20</sup>

In 1915, the Beech Groove Methodist Church dedicated a new brick sanctuary. An article in the Heritage of Craven County, by unknown Methodist official mentions the hospitality of a night provided by John Humphrey and his son-in-law, Mr. Foscue. "The conversation of Brother Humphrey so full of interest and information made the hours fly away."<sup>21</sup>

In 1917, after contracting pneumonia, John Humphrey died on January 13, 1917. He was buried at his home in Clarks, along with his wife, Julia, in the family cemetery. The following obituaries appeared in the local papers:

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From the New Bern Weekly Journal, dated January 13, 1917:

***Mr. J. Humphrey Dead at Clarks  
Esteemed Citizen Passed Away At Early Hour This Morning***

*Mr. John Humphrey, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the county, this morning succumbed to an attack of pneumonia at his home near Clarks. The deceased, who had been ill for several days, was seventy-two years of age and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. The funeral service will be conducted from the Methodist church at that place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.*

From the Sun Journal, dated January 14, 1917:

***Funeral of Late Mr. John Humphrey. Service to be  
Conducted from Methodist Church at Clarks This Afternoon.***

*The funeral services over the remains of the late Mr. John Humphrey, who died at his home in Clarks yesterday morning, will be conducted from the Methodist Church at that place at two o'clock and the interment will be made in the family burying ground.*

*The deceased, who was seventy-two years of age, was stricken a few days ago with an attack of pneumonia and being advanced in years, he gradually grew worse until the end came.*

*The deceased was one of Craven County's most esteemed citizens and his passing will be mourned by friends of the family throughout this section of the State.*

After his death, many papers and journals were destroyed in the "clearing out". One of his few remaining possessions, a copy of Charles Dickens', "A Christmas Carol", published in 1867, bears the signature, "John Humphrey 1879", is in the library of the writer.

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North Carolina State Board of  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

County Craven  
Township 8  
or Town \_\_\_\_\_  
or City Clarks (No. County Home)  
(If death occurs in a hospital, or other institution, give name instead of street number.)

Registration District No. \_\_\_\_\_

2 FULL NAME John Humphrey

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE
3 MALE OR FEMALE <u>Male</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, or DIVORCED (Write the year) <u>Widowed</u>	16 DATE OF DEATH <u>Jan</u> (Month)
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>April 1, 1847</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Jan 6</u> 19 <u>17</u> to that I last saw him alive on and that death occurred on the date above stated, as the CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Brain</u>
7 AGE <u>69 yrs. 9 mos. 12 ds.</u> If LESS than 1 day, ____ hrs. or ____ min.			Contributory <u>La Grippe</u> (Duration) _____ (Signed) <u>R. W. C. for</u> <u>Jan 18, 1917</u> (Address) <u>on</u> *State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in case of (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENT. 18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, etc.) At place of death ____ yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds. ____ hrs. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence _____
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer). <u>Farmer</u>			
9 BIRTHPLACE <u>Craven Co.</u>			
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>unknown</u>			
PARENTS	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country)		19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Clarks NC</u>
	12 NAME OF MOTHER BEFORE MARRIAGE " "		
	13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country)		
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>J. L. Humphrey</u> (Address) <u>Clarks NC</u>			20 UNDERTAKER <u>J. H. Wiltis Co.</u>
15 Filed <u>Jan 19, 1917</u> <u>R. W. C.</u> Registrar.			

Figure 22 Death Certificate of John Humphrey

John's death certificate, signed by his son, Jay Lee Humphrey, stated John was 69 years of age, and born on April 1, 1847.<sup>22</sup> The mystery of John's parentage began at that time, as Jay Lee filed the certificate, writing "born in Craven County, parents unknown". Over eighty years later the writer found the 1848 court records and discovered John's mother, Drusilla Humphrey of Craven County.



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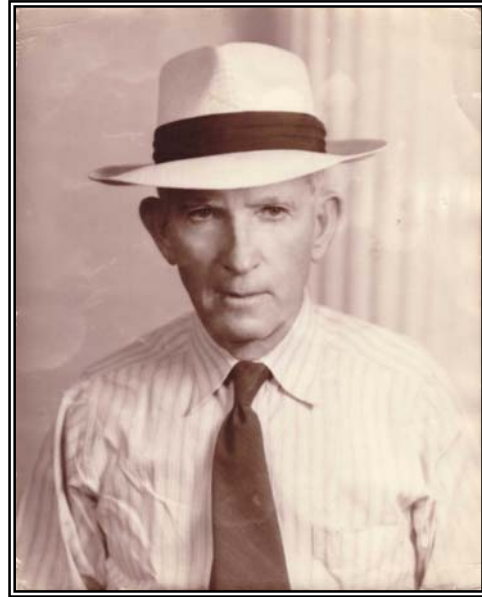
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  - <sup>4</sup> 1860 Craven County Census. EN 404. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>19</sup> Craven County Marriages 1851-1905. Volumes 1-7. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>22</sup> Craven County Death Certificates. 1917. Register of Deeds. Craven County.
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## Chapter 7 The Jay Lee Humphrey Family

**Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr.**, the son John Julia Humphrey, was born on August 16, 1881. Jay Lee, his brother John and his sister Clara were educated by a teacher who lived in the home. Later, they attended Reedy Branch School.<sup>1</sup> He also attended North Carolina A & M College, now North Carolina State University.<sup>2</sup>

His father, John, had many business interests, and when he started a dairy, Jay Lee would deliver milk to customers in New Bern via a horse drawn milk wagon. Later he became involved in the family brick business and managed the operation of the Clark Brick and Tile Company. The farm and brick company was purchased prior to 1878.<sup>3</sup> One of several brick mills operated in Clarks, the Clark Brick and Tile Company was incorporated in 1911. A stock certificate was issued in 1912, to Jay Lee Humphrey and was signed by Amos T. Wetherington, Secretary -Treasurer. <sup>4</sup>



**Figure 23 Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr.**



**Figure 24 Clark Brick and Tile Co. Stock Certificate**

Jay Lee ran the company for his father, and after John's death in 1917, the company operated until the Great Depression when a combination of financing issues and lack of clay forced the closure of the company. After the demise of the Clark Brick and Tile Co., Jay Lee operated the Carolina Brick Company at Hymans, on the west side of Bachelor Creek. This company ceased operation about 1950.<sup>5</sup>

In 1912, his mother, Julia Arnold Humphrey, died in January. After her death, he married Stella Rosa (Rose) Pittman on July 31, 1912<sup>a</sup>, daughter of Charles and Annie Pittman of Kinston, and sister of Eva Lane Pittman Humphrey, the wife of John W. Humphrey, Jay Lee's brother. The marriage ceremony was performed in F. Swindell Love, MG in Lenoir County. The witnesses were C. D. Wooten, F. S. Kilpatrick, and John W. Humphrey.<sup>6</sup>

In the 1900 Craven census he is listed in the home of his parents.<sup>7</sup> In 1910 he is missing from the household. In 1920, Jay Lee appears again, along with wife Rose, and three children, Doris, Jay Lee, Jr. and Harold B. Humphrey.<sup>8</sup>



***Figure 25 Rose Pittman and Jay Lee Humphrey***

Jay Lee and Rose made their home in Clarks, in the old John Humphrey home by the brick yard and railroad.

Their children, all born in Clarks, were:

1. Laura Eleanor Humphrey born July 24, 1913.
2. Doris Lee Humphrey born on November 21, 1914.
3. Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr. born on September 7, 1916.
4. Harold Bumpas Humphrey born on March 1, 1919.
5. Donald Holmes Humphrey born on September 21, 1920.
6. William Grey Humphrey born on July 1, 1922.
7. James Carroll Humphrey born on December 25, 1924.
8. Hal Foscue Humphrey born on April 18, 1927. (twin).
9. Helen Archer Humphrey born on April 18, 1927. (twin).
10. Charles Manly Humphrey born on June 29, 1930.

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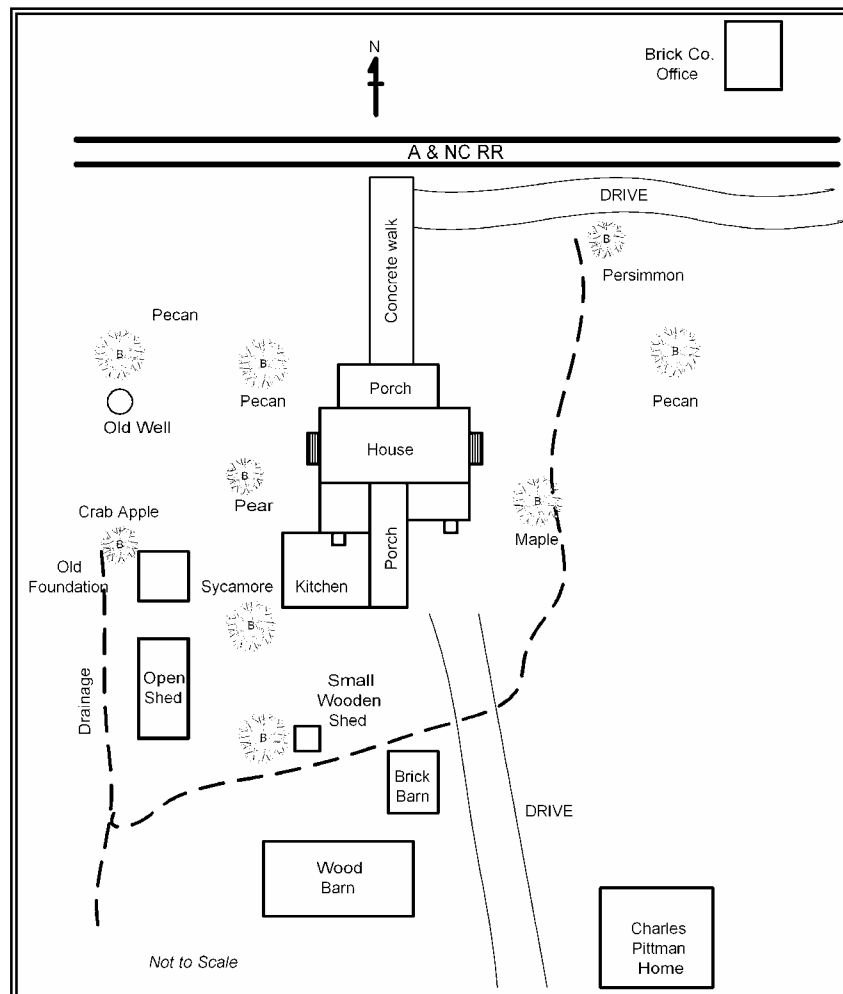
<sup>a</sup> The date of this marriage was previously reported as January 13, 1912. The Lenoir Co. marriage register date is July 31, 1912.

Their first child, Laura Eleanor was born on July 24, 1913 in Clarks and died on June 15, 1914 of pneumonia. She was buried in the family cemetery at the John Humphrey home on Deep Branch in Clarks.<sup>9</sup>

Their last child, Charles Manly was born on June 29, 1930 and died on January 31, 1931.<sup>10</sup> He was buried in the family cemetery at the John Humphrey home on Deep Branch in Clarks. This grave is no longer marked in the family cemetery.<sup>11</sup>

For detail on the other children see the following section on the children.

The old home in Clarks was Jay Lee and Rose Humphrey's residence for thirty years. The Charles Pittman family, originally from Fort Barnwell<sup>12</sup>, lived in Kinston in 1910.<sup>13</sup> After the marriage of Jay Lee and Rose, a home was build (circa 1916)<sup>14</sup> on New Liberty Road adjoining the Humphrey home for the Pittman family. The 1920 Craven census lists the Pittman family at this location. Numerous outbuilding and structures existed over the years, as shown in the sketch below.<sup>15</sup>



**Figure 26 Property Sketch of Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. Home**

The home is mentioned on the 1878 deed to John Humphrey, and reported existed prior to the Civil War.<sup>16</sup> It was originally a small home, with numerous additions occurring over the years. After an absence (circa 1945-1957), Jay's sons renovated the home, and Jay Lee returned to the home until his death in 1964. In 1966, unoccupied, the home caught fire and was totally consumed along with many belongings and furniture.

Unfortunately, no photographs of the home survive. A line drawing of the home, from memory, shows the front of the home as it existed about 1960.



***Figure 27 The Jay Lee Humphrey Home, 1960.***

After the fire, the property was maintained until the 1980s by Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr., as a small farm and pasture for Charlais cattle for his brother, William Grey Humphrey. In 2000, the 39 acres of the old homestead is owned by a grandson, William Grey Humphrey, Jr. of Spartanburg, SC.<sup>17</sup>

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Also about 1980, the original Clarks Methodist Church was replaced by a modern structure. William G. Humphrey purchased the old church building and moved it to the homestead. The old church became a new barn structure and was placed on the site of an older, large two-story barn, which existed in the 1920s and until the late 1950s.

In 2000, the old church still stands, one of the old chimneys is withstanding time, part of an old brick outbuilding remains, and the old well can still be found. Some of the larger old trees are quiet sentinels among the small gum trees and pines that invaded the old lawn.

**Figure 28** *Remaining Chimney of Jay Lee Humphrey Home*

*Photo 2002 by the author.*



**Figure 29** *The old Clarks Methodist Church in 2001.*

*Photo 2002 by the author.*

**Rosa Pittman Humphrey** died on July 1, 1942 at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern.

Her obituary was reported in the July 2, 1942 edition of the Sun Journal:

***Mrs. Rose Humphrey Passes At Hospital***

*Mrs. Rose Pittman Humphrey, age, 50, wife of Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. of Clarks, died at 2:20 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Luke's hospital after an illness of two weeks. Funeral service will be held at Clarks Methodist Church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Tew of Bridgeton. Interment will be in the Maple wood cemetery in Kinston.*

*Mrs. Humphrey is survived by her husband, two daughters; Mrs. E. C. McCombs of New Bern and Miss Helen Humphrey of Clarks, six sons; J. L. Humphrey, Jr. of New Bern, Sgt. H. B. Humphrey of the United States Army, Donald H. Humphrey of Clarks, Cpl. William Humphrey of the United States army air corps, James C. Humphrey of New Bern and Hal Humphrey of Clarks; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Humphrey of Beaufort, and Mrs. Ralph Dail of Snow Hill; four brothers, H. C. Pittman and R. B. Pittman of Clarks, H. B. Pittman of Snow Hill, and J. K. Pittman of Washington, D.C.; and by two grandchildren.*

Her funeral was held at the Clarks Methodist Church, Nannie Humphrey recalls James C. Humphrey borrowing a piano from New Bern to provide music at the funeral. Rose P. Humphrey was buried in the Pittman plot in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, NC. Sometime before 1964, she was interred in the Greenleaf Memorial Park in New Bern, NC. After her death, a new Humphrey arrival, Rose Marie Humphrey born in November 1942, was named for her grandmother. Later Helen P. Humphrey also named a daughter Rose Ann, in memory of Rose.<sup>18</sup>

After her death, Jay Lee Sr. worked as a Civil Service employee at Jacksonville, NC. About 1950 he lived for a time with his son Hal F. Humphrey and wife, Martha "Dolly". In the 1950s he lived with the family of his son, Jay Lee Humphrey. In the late 1950s Jay Lee Jr. built a new home at Clarks, and Jay Lee Sr. returned to his home in Clarks.

Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. died on June 28, 1964 at his home in Clarks. The family received friends at the home and a graveside service was held at the Greenleaf Memorial Park in New Bern. The writer was unable to locate an obituary for Jay Lee in the New Bern Sun Journal records.

Jay Lee Humphrey's estate was divided among his children, all receiving property in the Clarks' area. William G. Humphrey received the family home at that time and over the next twenty years purchased tracts from his siblings and consolidated most of the property into his holdings.

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### The Children of Jay Lee Humphrey and Rosa Pittman Humphrey:

**Doris Lee Humphrey** was born in Clarks on November 21, 1914. About 1940, Doris lived with her brother, Jay Lee, Jr., and in the New Bern City Directory of 1941, she is listed employed as a hostess in the Coffee Shop of the New Bernian Hotel, a prominent hotel in New Bern, NC. She married Edward Charles 'Mac' McCombs on March 22, 1942. E. C. McCombs was born on August 7, 1914, served in World War II and Korea, and retired from the United States Marine Corps as a Master Sargent. He was employed by the Maola Milk Company of New Bern for a number of years until his retirement. Their children are three daughters, Doris Ann, Linda, and Katherine. E. C. McCombs died on June 1, 1983 in Jacksonville, NC and is buried in the National Cemetery in New Bern. Doris Lee Humphrey currently resides in Jacksonville, NC.<sup>19, 20</sup>



*Figure 30 Doris Lee Humphrey, 1946*

**Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr.** was born on September 7, 1916 in Clarks. As a young man, he worked with his father in the brickyard. On November 10, 1936 he married Nannie Belle Wetherington of Tuscarora.<sup>21</sup> A cousin, Luke H. Wetherington witnessed the ceremony performed by Rev. Poston, Baptist minister. After their marriage they lived in Clarks, in the former home of John C. Stewart until the birth of their first child, Jay Lee Humphrey III, born on February 13, 1939. They moved to New Bern and lived in several locations; among these being a home on Bern Street and 101 Hancock Street. He was listed in the 1941 City Directory as the manager of the Travelers Oil Company on South Front Street, near the old Trent River Bridge.<sup>22</sup> This area was later incorporated into the grounds for the restoration of Tryon's Palace. With the buildup of the Cherry Point military base, Jay Lee worked with



*Figure 31 Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr. and Jay Lee III, 1940*



the Civil Service in the Aviation Petroleum Division. A daughter, Rose Marie Humphrey was born on November 27, 1942. A son, William Christopher Humphrey was born on December 19, 1944.

Jay Lee Humphrey was employed by the Seashore Transportation Company after the war years. A son, Rex Allen Humphrey was born on May 23, 1951. The family lived in Clarks and also at another home on Clark Avenue in New Bern in the 1960s. In 1971 Jay Lee and Nannie lived for several years in Beaufort, NC, at 221 Front Street, in a home owned by cousin, Jack Humphrey. They returned to Clarks in 1975 and he retired in 1981 but continued to work part time and to work as caretaker for the family estate owned by William G. Humphrey.

Jay Lee and Nannie moved to Raleigh in the late 1980s and lived with their son, William C. Humphrey. Jay Lee Humphrey died on July 17, 1990 in Raleigh, NC. His funeral was at the Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home in New Bern, NC. The service was officiated by Rev. Mike Scott and Rev. Mann of the Gethsemane FWB church of Tuscarora. He is buried in Greenleaf Memorial Park in a lot adjoining his father, Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr.

**Harold Bumpas Humphrey** was born on March 1, 1919 in Clarks. "Bump" was named for R. F. Bumpas, Methodist minister of Centenary Methodist Church of New Bern. Harold "Bump" served in the United States Army in World War II. He married Rose Bera Westbrook of Farmville, NC on July 4, 1942. She was born November 3, 1921 and died February 16, 1970. He worked for the US Postal Service in Farmville and retired as Postmaster in 1982. Their daughter, Beverly Humphrey, was born December 31, 1950. He married (2) Jean Allen, and in 1982 married (3) Mildred Pauline Scurlock Pittman of Craven County. They reside in the Neuse Forest area of Craven County.<sup>23</sup>



***Figure 32 Photo of Harold Bumpas and Rose Bera Humphrey***



**Figure 33** *Bump and Mildred Humphrey*

**Donald Holmes Humphrey** was born on September 21, 1920 in Clarks, NC. He married Helen Larue Moore of Fort Barnwell on November 17, 1939.<sup>24</sup> Their son, Allen Ray Humphrey, lives in Greensboro, NC. He later married Helen Price on February 4, 1942 and their children are Donald 'Duke' Holmes Humphrey, Jr., Charles Pittman Humphrey, and Rose Ann Humphrey. Donald owned the Coastal Upholstery Company in New Bern and later Coastal Enterprises for many years. He was listed as President of Coastal Upholstery in the 1958 New Bern City Directory.<sup>25</sup> Donald died April 19, 1988 and was buried in Greenleaf Memorial Park in New Bern, NC.<sup>26</sup>



**Figure 34** *Photo of Donald H. Humphrey, Sr. and Jr.*

**William Grey Humphrey** was born on July 1, 1922 in Clarks. He served in the US Army Air Corps during WW II and later attended NC State College. He married Maclynn Avery Mackie on August 30, 1950 in Granite Falls, NC. He was employed by the Milliken Company and retired from the company. Bill and Maclynn's children are Maclynn Avery Humphrey, Monta Humphrey Betts, and William Grey Humphrey, Jr. William G. Humphrey, Sr. died on August 11, 1994 in Spartanburg, SC.<sup>27</sup>



**Figure 35** *Photo of William G. and Maclynn Humphrey*

**James Carroll Humphrey** was born on December 24, 1924 in Clarks. He served in the US Army Air Corps in Europe in WW II. He married Virginia Claire Hamilton on December 27, 1944 in Craven County. Virginia was born on July 7, 1925. In the 1947 New Bern City Directory Jimmy is listed as an employee of Hamilton's Café.<sup>28</sup> In the 1951 City Directory he is listed as the asst. manager of Hamilton's Café.<sup>29</sup> He later worked for the Leggett and Myers Tobacco Company and in the 1970s he worked for Motorola in New Bern. The children of James C. and Virginia H. Humphrey: James Carroll Humphrey, Jr., Dr. Daune Claire Humphrey, Pia Dannon Humphrey, and Gigg Kerry Humphrey (1953-1953).<sup>30</sup> James C. Humphrey died on October 25, 1981 in New Bern and is buried in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery.<sup>31</sup>



**Figure 36** *James C. and Virginia Humphrey*

**Hal Foscue Humphrey** was born on April 18, 1927 in Clarks, NC. He married Martha Hart “Dolly” Simpson, daughter of James Simpson and Martha Pridgen. She was born July 11, 1927. They were married on July 25, 1946 in Craven County. He retired from the US Army with 25 years service and was employed by the New Bern Housing Authority until his retirement in the 1980s. Their children are Hal Foscue Humphrey, Jr. born October 6, 1948 and Stephen James Humphrey, born August 5, 1953.<sup>32</sup>

***Figure 37 Photo of Hal Foscue Humphrey, Sr.***



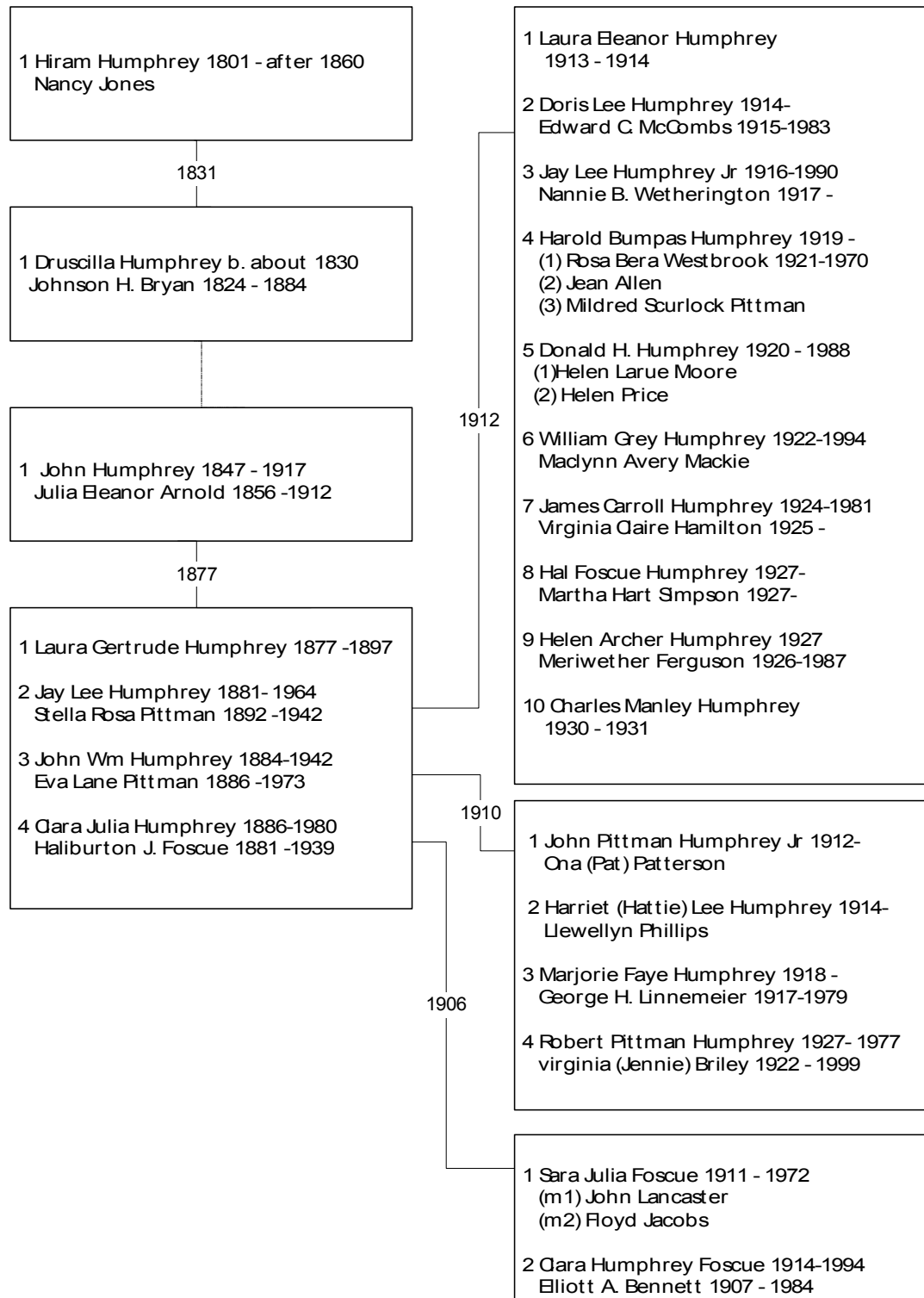
**Helen Archer Humphrey** was born on April 18, 1927 in Clarks, NC. Helen was named for Helen Archer Pittman, wife of James K. Pittman. She married Meriwether Lewis Ferguson on October 26, 1946 in Jacksonville, NC. Meriwether owned the Ferguson Supply Company and retired in 1971. Meriwether L. Ferguson died in February 1987.<sup>33</sup> Their children are Jan Lillian Ferguson, Eve Alston Ferguson and Lisa Humphrey Ferguson.<sup>34</sup>



***Figure 38 Photo of Helen Archer Humphrey***



## The John Humphrey Family



**Figure 39 Overview of the John Humphrey Family**

**The grandchildren of Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. and Rosa P. Humphrey:**

1. Doris Lee Humphrey m. Edward Charles McCombs
    - a. Doris Ann McCombs
    - b. Linda McCombs
    - c. Katherine McCombs
  2. Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr. m. Nannie Belle Wetherington
    - a. Jay Lee Humphrey, III (1939-1999)
    - b. William Christopher Humphrey
    - c. Rose Marie Humphrey
    - d. Rex Allen Humphrey
  3. Harold Bumpas Humphrey m. Rose Westbrook
    - a. Beverly HumphreyHarold Bumpas Humphrey m. Jean Allen  
Harold Bumpas Humphrey m. Mildred Pauline Scurlock Pittman
  4. Donald Holmes Humphrey m. Helen Larue Moore
    - a. Allen Ray HumphreyDonald Holmes Humphrey m. Helen Price
    - b. Donald Holmes Humphrey, Jr.
    - c. Charles Pittman Humphrey
    - d. Rose Anne Humphrey
  5. William Grey Humphrey m. Maclynn Avery Mackie
    - a. Maclynn Avery Humphrey
    - b. Monta Humphrey
    - c. William Grey Humphrey, Jr.
  6. James Carroll Humphrey m. Virginia Claire Hamilton
    - a. James Carroll Humphrey, Jr.
    - b. Daune Claire Humphrey
    - c. Pia Dannon Humphrey
    - d. Gigg Kerry Humphrey (1953-1953)
  7. Hal Foscue Humphrey m. Martha Hart "Dolly" Simpson
    - a. Hal Foscue Humphrey, Jr.
    - b. Steven James Humphrey
  8. Helen Archer Humphrey m. Meriwether Lewis Ferguson
    - a. Jan Lillian Ferguson
    - b. Eve Alston Ferguson
    - c. Lisa Humphrey Ferguson
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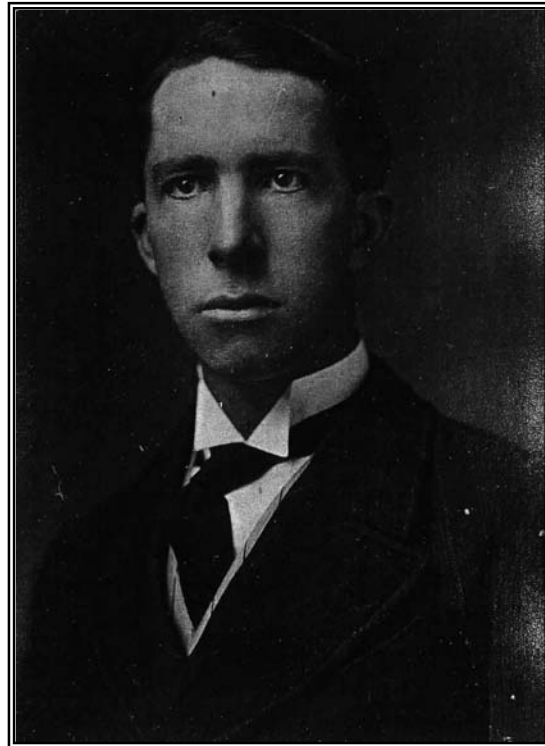
- <sup>1</sup> Reedy Branch is a tributary on the south side of the Trent River. The Craven – Jones County boundary.
  - <sup>2</sup> The Heritage of Craven County, Volume I. 1984. Article 268. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>3</sup> Craven County Deeds. Book 107 Page 130. 1878. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>4</sup> Clark Brick and Tile Stock Certificate. No. 15. 1912. Library of author.
  - <sup>5</sup> Family knowledge from J. L. Humphrey, Jr..
  - <sup>6</sup> Lenoir County Marriage Register, 1873-1924. Microfilm. C.059.63001. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>7</sup> 1900 Craven County Census. 8<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>8</sup> 1920 Craven County Census. 8<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>9</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume 2. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>10</sup> Craven County Death Certificate. 1931-282. Craven County Registrar of Deeds
  - <sup>11</sup> Family knowledge from J. L. Humphrey, Jr.
  - <sup>12</sup> 1880 and 1900 Craven County Census. 3<sup>rd</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>13</sup> Per John W. Humphrey –Eva Pittman marriage license. 1910. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>14</sup> Craven County Tax Records. 2001. 8<sup>th</sup> Township. Parcel 8-221-022.
  - <sup>15</sup> Sketch drawn from Family knowledge. A. Humphrey. 2002.
  - <sup>16</sup> Craven County Deeds. Book 107 Page 130. 1878. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>17</sup> Craven County Tax Records. 2001. 8<sup>th</sup> Township. Parcel 8-221-087.
  - <sup>18</sup> Family knowledge from Nannie W. Humphrey. 2001.
  - <sup>19</sup> The Heritage of Craven County. Volume I. Article 268. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>20</sup> Back of photo stamped Marine Barracks NOB. Argentia, Newfoundland. April 7, 1946.
  - <sup>21</sup> Craven County Marriage Register. 1924-1948. Volume 8. Microfilm. Craven County. Library.
  - <sup>22</sup> 1941 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>23</sup> The Heritage of Craven County, Volume I. 1984. Article 268. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>24</sup> Craven County Marriage Register. 1924-1948. Volume 9. Microfilm. Craven County. Library.
  - <sup>25</sup> 1958 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>26</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume II. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>27</sup> The Heritage of Craven County, Volume I. 1984. Article 268. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>28</sup> 1947 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>29</sup> 1951 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>30</sup> Ibid.
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  - <sup>33</sup> The Heritage of Craven County, Volume I. 1984. Article 268. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>34</sup> The Heritage of Craven County, Volume I. 1984. Article 268. Craven County Library.
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## Chapter 8 The John William Humphrey Family

**John William Humphrey**, the son of John Humphrey, was born on June 7, 1884 in Clarks, NC and died on April 20, 1942 in Beaufort, NC.<sup>1</sup> A teacher who lived in their home educated John, along with his older brother Jay Lee, and sister, Clara Julia. They also attended Reedy Branch School.<sup>2</sup> John W. Humphrey also attended North Carolina A & M College, now North Carolina State University.<sup>3</sup>

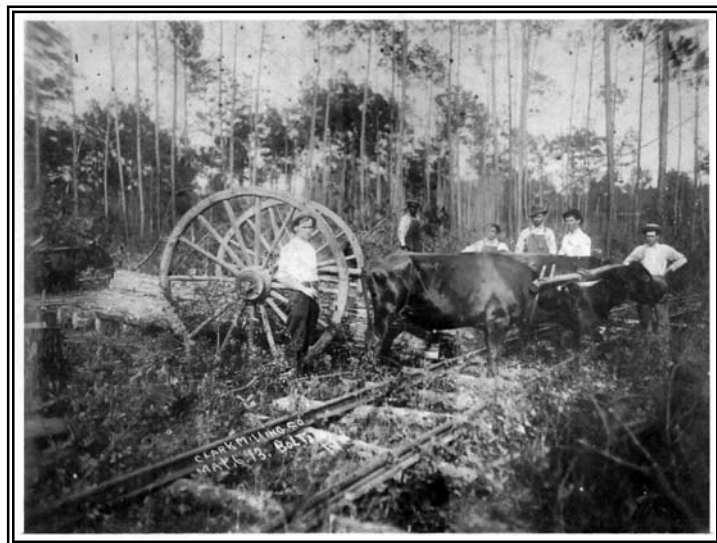
In the 1900 Craven census, John Humphrey is listed in the household of John and Julia Humphrey in Clarks, NC.<sup>4</sup>

**Figure 40** *Photo of John William Humphrey*



John appears in the 1910 Craven census, along with his parents, John and Julia Humphrey, and siblings, Jay Lee and Clara Julia Humphrey. His occupation was listed as sawer (lumber mill).<sup>5</sup> This was likely the Clarks Milling Company, operated by Amos T. and Abner Wetherington.

John W. Humphrey married Eva Lane Pittman on December 22, 1910 in Craven County. Eva Lane Pittman was the daughter of Charles M. Pittman and Annie Gooding. Eva Lane Pittman was born on April 14, 1886 in Craven County and died on June 15, 1973. The marriage license lists witnesses Hal J. Foscue and Clara H. Foscue.<sup>6</sup>



**Figure 41** *Clarks Milling Company, 1913*



John and Eva Humphrey made their home in Clarks from until about 1927. The lived in at least three homes in the Clarks area. One location was a two-story home along the railroad near the Clark Brick & Tile Company office. This home was demolished in the early 1960s. The family also lived on a farm adjoining the farm of his father, John Humphrey, on Deep Branch.



**Figure 42** *Former John W. Humphrey Residence*

This one-story farmhouse was demolished about 1970. The third known home was a two-story home at the end of Wetherington Road in Clarks. Abner and Lorena Wetherington later purchased this home. The home was abandoned in the 1980s after Lorena's death. Now part of an industrial park, the overgrown home and several farm outbuildings still exist in 2002.<sup>7</sup>

John and Eva Humphrey appear in the 1920 Craven census, living at Clarks, in the 8<sup>th</sup> Township. His occupation is listed as farmer. Also in the household are three children, John P., Harriet L., and Marjorie F. Humphrey.<sup>8</sup>

During the 1920s John Humphrey and family migrated to the Beaufort, NC area where John ran a dairy for a number of years. In 1941, John rented a home in Beaufort and moved the family to Front Street. John died on April 20, 1942 and is buried in the Oceanview Cemetery in Beaufort, NC.<sup>9</sup> John's wife, Eva Lane Pittman, died on June 15, 1973 and is buried in the Oceanview Cemetery.<sup>10</sup> John's son, John P. "Jack" Humphrey, resides in the home in Beaufort with his wife, Pat.



**Figure 43** *Home of John W. Humphrey in Beaufort, NC*

*Purchased by John W. Humphrey in 1941, the home is owned by John 'Jack' Pittman Humphrey. John's sister, Marjorie Humphrey Linnemeier lives next door on the right.*

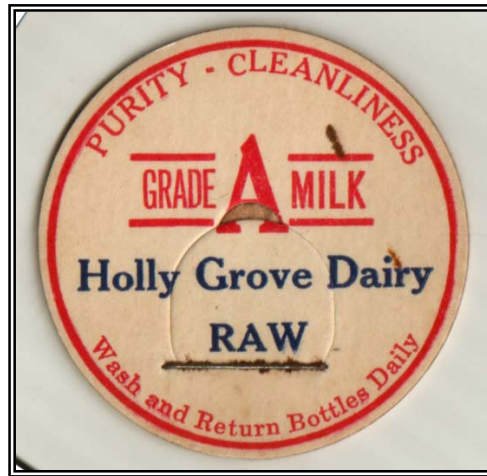
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John W. and Eva Humphrey lived in Windsor, NC about 1914 where he ran a furniture store. The family returned to Clarks by 1920 and about 1927 they moved to the Beaufort area. His first dairy was near Newport and later he located the Holly Grove Dairy to the northern edge of Beaufort NC.<sup>11, 12</sup>

**Figure 44**  
***Holly Grove Dairy Pint Seal***



**Figure 45**  
***Holly Grove Dairy Bottle Cap***



**Figure 46** ***Photo of Holly Grove Dairy, Beaufort, NC***

**Figure 47** *Marjorie Faye, Hattie Lee, and John 'Jack' Pittman Humphrey*

*(l-r, about 1920)*



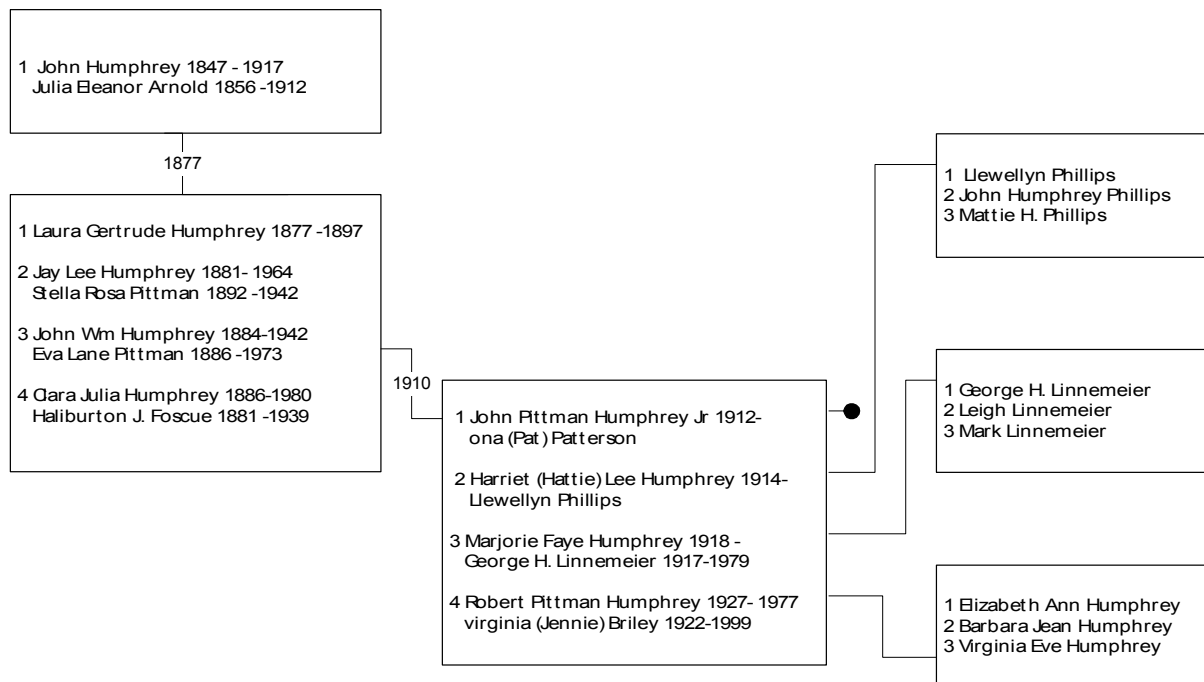
**The children of John W. Humphrey and Eva Lane Pittman:**

- A. **John Pittman Humphrey** (1912 –2002) was born in Clarks, NC and lives in Beaufort, NC. He married Ona 'Pat' Patterson.
- B. **Harriet Lee Humphrey** (1914 –) was born in Clarks, NC and married Llewellyn Phillips.
- C. **Marjorie Faye Humphrey** (1918 –) was born in Clarks, NC and lives in Beaufort, NC. She married George Linnemeier. George H. Linnemeier was born on August 2, 1917 and died on May 5, 1979. George Linnemeier is buried in the Oceanview Cemetery in Beaufort, NC.<sup>13</sup>
- D. **Robert Pittman Humphrey** was born on April 30, 1922 and died on April 19, 1977 in Beaufort, NC. Robert married Virginia Briley (1922-1999). Robert and Virginia are buried in the Oceanview Cemetery in Beaufort, NC.<sup>14</sup>

### The grandchildren of John W. Humphrey and Eva Lane Pittman: <sup>15</sup>

- A. John Pittman Humphrey and Ona 'Pat' Patterson
  - 1. No Children
- B. Harriet Lee Humphrey and Llewellyn Phillips
  - 1. Llewellyn Phillips
  - 2. John Humphrey Phillips
  - 3. Matti H. Phillips
- C. Marjorie Faye Humphrey and George Henry Linnemeier
  - 1. George H. Linnemeier
  - 2. Leigh Linnemeier
  - 3. Mark Linnemeier
- D. Robert Pittman Humphrey and Virginia Briley
  - 1. Elizabeth Ann Humphrey
  - 2. Barbara Jean Humphrey
  - 3. Virginia Eve Humphrey

### The John W. Humphrey Family



**Figure 48 Overview of the John W. Humphrey Family**

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- <sup>1</sup> Oceanview Cemetery Survey of Humphrey plot. A. Humphrey 2002.
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  - <sup>6</sup> Craven County Marriage Register. Volumes 2-7. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>7</sup> Cemetery Site Survey. 2002. By the author.
  - <sup>8</sup> 1920 Craven County Census. 8<sup>th</sup> Township. Page 153B. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>10</sup> Oceanview Cemetery Survey of Humphrey plot. A. Humphrey 2002.
  - <sup>11</sup> Author's interview with Harold B. Humphrey, May 2002.
  - <sup>12</sup> Milk Seal excavated at Clarks, NC by Charles P. Humphrey.
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## Chapter 9 The Clara Julia Humphrey Foscue Family

**Clara Julia Humphrey**, the daughter of John Humphrey, was born on January 2, 1886 in Clarks and died on July 24, 1980 in New Bern, NC. A teacher who lived in their home educated Clara, along with his older brothers Jay Lee and John. They also attended Reedy Branch School.<sup>1</sup> Clara married Haliburton Josephus Foscue on November 5, 1906 in Craven County.<sup>2</sup> Hal Foscue was born on August 25, 1881 in Jones County and died on January 23, 1939 in New Bern, NC.<sup>3</sup> Hal and Clara Foscue do not appear in the 1910 census of the Clarks area. It is not known where they made their first home, however after the death of Julia's mother, Julia Arnold Humphrey in 1912, they lived in the John Humphrey home on Deep Branch with Clara's father.



**Figure 49 Photo of Clara H. Foscue Family, c. 1912.**

*Left to right are Hal J. Foscue, Clara H. Foscue, John Humphrey, and Sarah Julia Foscue. Photograph taken circa 1912 of the John Humphrey home on Deep Branch in Clarks.*

In the 1920 Craven census, Hal and Clara Foscue are listed with daughters Sarah and Clara in Clarks, NC. Hal's occupation is listed as farmer. Also listed in the household is Rosa Lee Bland, a boarder and local schoolteacher, who later married Henry Bryan Pittman in 1921.<sup>4</sup>

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In the 1930s Hal and Clara Foscue moved to New Bern. Hal Foscue worked as a rural mail carrier for the postal service.<sup>5</sup> They made their home on East Front Street in New Bern, and eventually the home became a series of apartments and the daughters and family also lived in the E. Front Street home. Hal and Clara Foscue are buried in the new extension of Cedar Grove Cemetery in New Bern.<sup>6</sup>



**Figure 50 Clara and Haliburton Foscue Home**

*Located on East Front Street in New Bern, this was the residence of Haliburton and Clara H. Foscue, and their daughters, Sarah Julia Foscue Jacobs and Clara Humphrey Foscue Bennett.*

**The children of Clara Humphrey and Haliburton Foscue were:**

- A. **Sarah Julia Foscue** was born on October 20, 1911.<sup>7</sup> She married John Lee Lancaster on February 27, 1936 in Craven County.<sup>8</sup> John Lee Lancaster was from Edgecombe County, NC. One of the marriage witnesses was John 'Jack' P. Humphrey. Sarah Julia later married Floyd Jacobs. There were no children by either marriage, however Floyd Jacobs had children by a previous marriage. Sarah Julia Jacobs died on January 14, 1972 in New Bern, NC and is buried in the new extension to Cedar Grove Cemetery in New Bern.<sup>9</sup>
- B. **Clara Humphrey Foscue** was born on January 19, 1914 in Clarks.<sup>10</sup> She married Elliott Ardrey Bennett on June 17, 1938 in Craven County.<sup>11</sup> Elliot Ardrey Bennett was born on June 3, 1907 and died on August 3, 1984 in New Bern.<sup>12</sup> There were no children by the marriage. Elliott and Clara are buried in the new extension to Cedar Grove Cemetery in New Bern.<sup>13</sup>



***Figure 51 Photo of  
Clara Julia Humphrey Foscue***



***Figure 52 Photo of  
Sarah Julia Foscue***

***Figure 53 Photo of Clara  
Humphrey Foscue***



From the local newspaper, 1906: <sup>14</sup>

### ***A Pretty Noon Wedding.***

*The M E. Church at Clarks was the scene of a beautiful wedding Wednesday at 12 o'clock when Miss Clara Julia Humphrey and Mr. Haliburton Foscue plighted their troth, the ceremony having been performed by the pastor, Rev. George Webster.*

*Miss Hattie Carmen of Lima, attended by Mr. Macon Foscue, of Trenton, presided at the organ, and at the appointed hour the soft strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin filled the church, and the bridal party entered. First came Miss Bessie Carmen of Lima, first bridesmaid, attended by Mr. Bogey Richardson of Bellair, who was first groomsman, then Miss Lizette Hanff and Jay Humphrey, a brother of the bride, Miss Rosa Wooten and Mr. John Humphrey, also a brother of the bride; Miss Louise Dixon, who was maid of honor and Mr. Wilbur Foscue, best man preceded the bride and groom. While the ceremony was being performed, Hearts and Flowers was softly played. The words having been spoken making them man and wife, the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march filled the building and the bridal party retired in perfect order.*

*The bride wore a becoming gown of white lace over white taffeta, maid of honor looked very pretty in white aeolian silk. All the bridesmaids were beautifully attired in white organdies.*

*After the marriage the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's parents where a dinner was given, and to which a large number of friends were invited. The home was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns, and potted plants for the occasion. The presents received were many, and very handsome.*

*The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. John Humphrey and Clark's most attractive young lady. She has a host of friends in this community, who wish her much happiness. On Wednesday afternoon a brilliant reception was given to the bridal party at the beautiful home of the groom. The present home of Mr. and Mrs. Foscue is at Pollocksville.*

*The groom is the oldest son of Mr. C Foscue, is a very accomplished young man, having graduated from A. & M. College with high honors. He is now a very prosperous liveryman at Pollocksville.*

A. E. W.

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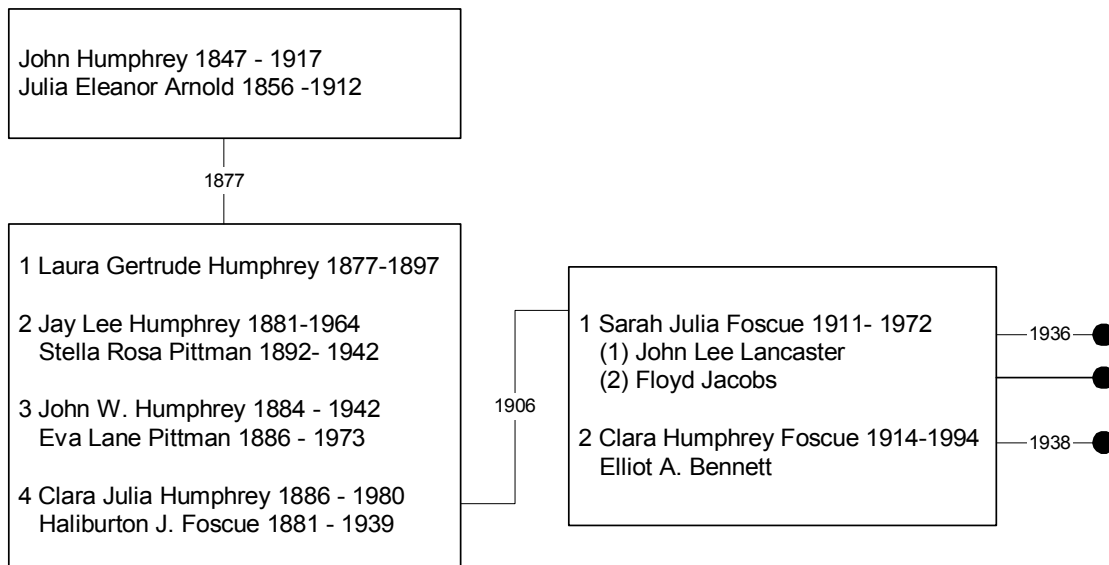


**Figure 54 Foscue Family Photos**

*(From top, Haliburton J. Foscue, Clara  
Humphrey Foscue, Sarah Julia Foscue)*



## Overview of Clara Humphrey Foscue Family



**Figure 55 Overview of the Clara Humphrey Foscue Family**

## Endnotes Chapter 9 The Clara Julia Foscue Humphrey Family

- <sup>1</sup> Reedy Branch is a tributary on the south side of the Trent River. The Craven – Jones County boundary.
- <sup>2</sup> Craven County Marriage Register, Volumes 2-7. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
- <sup>3</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1. Craven County Library.
- <sup>4</sup> 1920 Craven County Census. 8<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
- <sup>5</sup> New Bern Sun Journal. January 1939. Obituary. Microfilm. Craven County Library. (See Chapter 20).
- <sup>6</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1. Craven County Library.
- <sup>7</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>8</sup> Craven County Marriage Register, Volume 8. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
- <sup>9</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1. Craven County Library.
- <sup>10</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>11</sup> Craven County Marriage Register, Volume 8. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
- <sup>12</sup> New Bern Sun Journal. August 1984. Obituary. Microfilm. Craven County Library. (See Chapter 20).
- <sup>13</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1. Craven County Library.
- <sup>14</sup> Papers from the Foscue estate in the possession of H. B. Humphrey. 2002.

## Chapter 10 The Elisha Arnold Family

Elisha Arnold was the grandfather of Julia Eleanor Arnold, the wife of John Humphrey. This large family, surname also spelled Ernul, resided in Craven County, NC over several generations in the community of Perfection in the lower Core Creek area between Fort Barnwell and Jasper, NC.

**Elisha Arnold** was born August 18, 1793 and died April 27, 1876 in Craven County. His parentage has not been determined to date, although there are numerous Arnolds/Ernuls listed in colonial Craven records. Elisha married Susan Smith (aka Susan Wood)<sup>1</sup> on December 13, 1817 in Craven County. Susan was born on October 26, 1803 and died on February 1, 1881 in Craven County.<sup>2</sup> Cannon Smith, possibly a relative, signed the marriage bond. It is said that Susan was the half-sister of Caswell Wood. Elisha and Susan Arnold are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.<sup>3,4</sup>

Elisha appears to be a lifelong resident of Craven County. He is listed in the 1820 Craven census with 1 male less than 5 years of age and 1 female, age 20-26.<sup>5</sup> In 1840, Elisha Arnold appears in the Craven census with 4 males and 5 females.<sup>6</sup>

In the 1840 Craven census, several neighbors listed are of note, Alexander and Abraham Taylor, John T. and Samuel P. Lane, Graves Fonville, and John H. Richardson and Jeremiah Witherington. The Taylors are mentioned in a number of deeds, John T. Lane is discussed in detail in Chapter 15 and Samuel P. Lane is discussed in Chapter 14. Graves Fonville signed the court bond of Johnson H. Bryan in 1848, and Jeremiah Witherington was the ancestor of many of the later Tuscarora Wetheringtons.<sup>7</sup>

School records from 1841 indicate that Elisha was on the school committee for school district No. 4 in 1841. He submitted a list of 39 children, including: Jane B. Lane, Enoch Lane, Lavinia Arnold, Sarah Ann Arnold, Elizabeth Arnold, James, Arnold, Parmely Witherington, Aldridge Witherington, Rual Witherington, Louisa Witherington, Abner Witherington, Joseph Humphrey, Osaida Humphrey, and others to John T. Lane, Superintendent, and signed the document with an 'X'.<sup>8</sup>

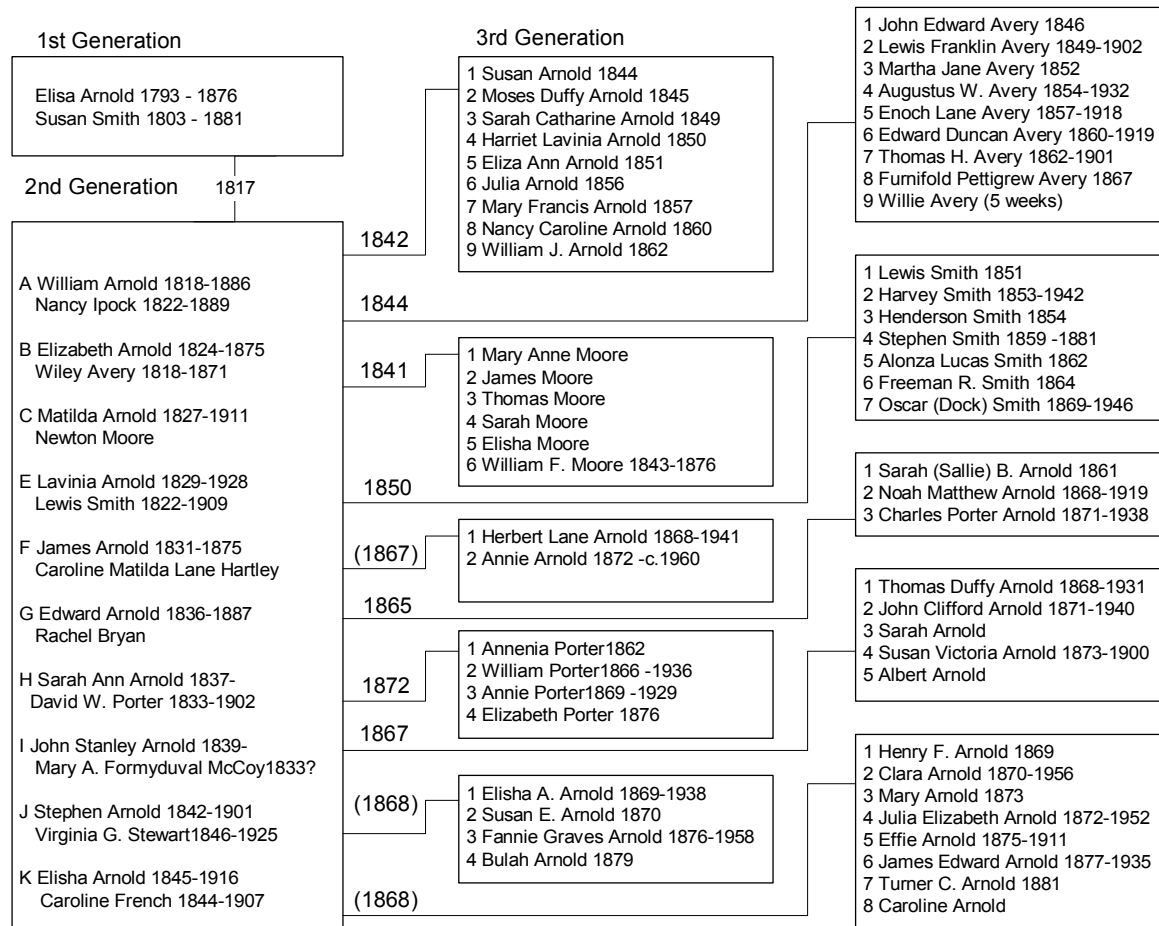
In the 1850 Craven census, Elisha is listed in Schedules 1 and 4.<sup>9</sup> He was a modest farmer, farming 60 of his 200 acres. Not a slaveholder, his household in 1850 was wife Susan, and children Lavinia, James, Edward, Sarah, John, Stephen, and Elisha. Lavinia has been reported in some 1850 census transcriptions as Louisa. Also Elisha's neighbor in 1850 was Nancy Humphrey, widow of Lewis Humphrey and stepmother of Drusilla Humphrey.<sup>10</sup>

In the 1860 Craven census, Elisha is listed with wife, Susan and 4 children in Russell's District. His son William Arnold was his neighbor in 1860.<sup>11</sup>

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In the 1870 Craven census, Elisha is listed with wife, Susan, and daughter Sarah. Elisha's son, William Arnold, was his neighbor.<sup>12</sup>

## Overview of the Elisha Arnold Family



**Figure 56 Overview of the Elisha Arnold Family**

### The children of Elisha Arnold and Susan Smith were:

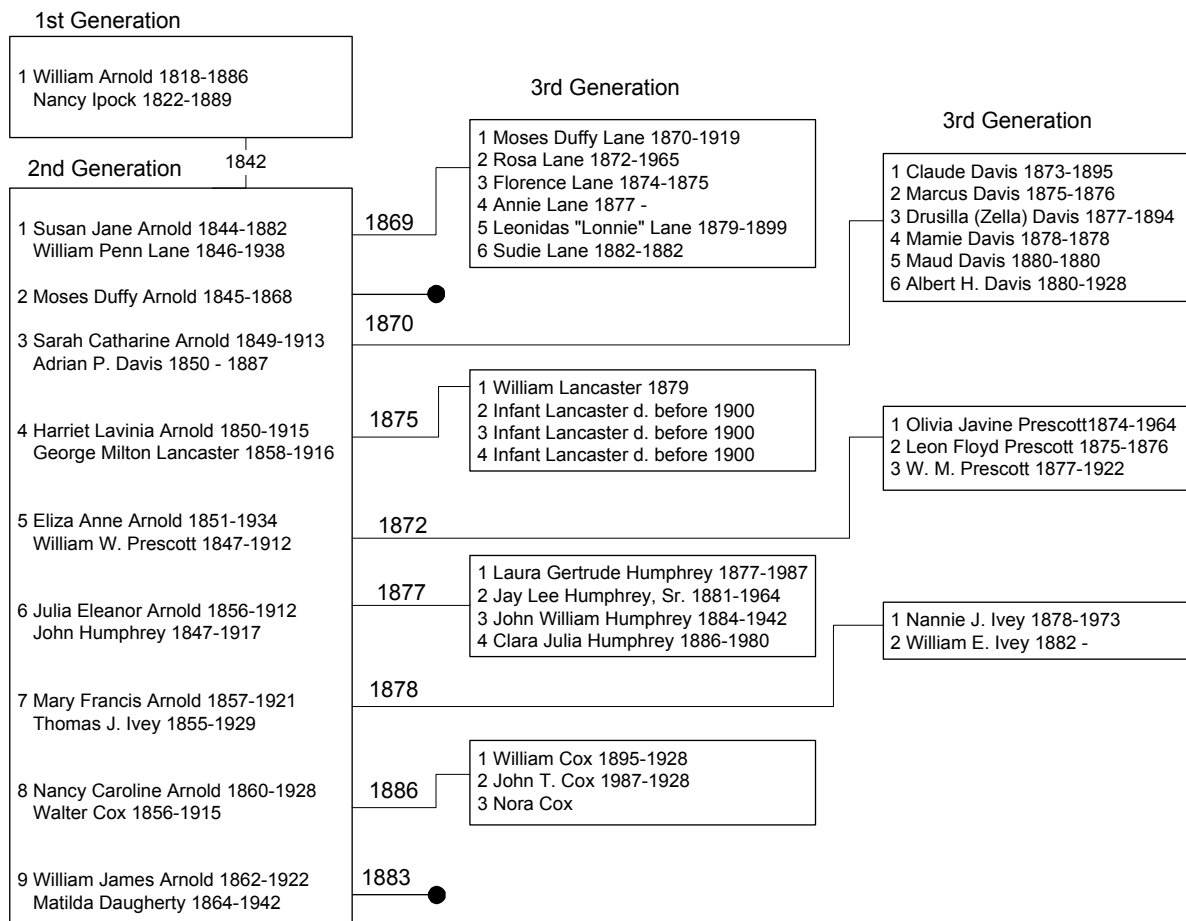
- A. **William Arnold** (1818-1886) William was born in Craven County. He married Nancy Ipock, said to be the daughter of Moses Ipock, on May 9, 1842 in Craven County.<sup>13</sup> Nancy was born in 1803 and died in 1889. William and Nancy's nine children were Susan Arnold, Moses Duffy Arnold, Sarah Catharine Arnold, Harriet Lavinia Arnold, Eliza Ann Arnold, Julia Eleanor Arnold, Mary Frances Arnold, Nancy Caroline Arnold, and William J. Arnold. William and Nancy Arnold are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.<sup>14</sup>

- B. **Elizabeth Arnold** (1824-1875) Elizabeth was born in 1824 and died on June 13, 1875.<sup>15</sup> She married Wiley Avery on June 15, 1844 in Craven County.<sup>16</sup> Wiley Avery was born in 1818 and died August 21, 1871.<sup>17</sup> Their nine children were: John Edward Avery, Lewis Franklin Avery, Martha Jane Avery, Augustus Washington Avery, Enoch Lane Avery, Edward Duncan Avery, Thomas Avery, Furnifold Pettigrew Avery, and Willie Avery.<sup>18</sup> Elizabeth, Wiley, Thomas, and Willie Avery are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.<sup>19</sup>
- C. **Matilda Arnold** (1827 – 1911) was born on August 24, 1827 and died on July 5, 1911. Matilda married Newton Moore on February 8, 1841 in Craven County.<sup>20</sup> Their six children were: Mary Anne Moore, James Moore, Thomas Moore, Sarah Moore, Elisha Moore, and William F. Moore. William F. Moore (1843 - 1876) married Jane Wood (1846 – 1916), the daughter of Caswell Wood and Betsy Wright. Matilda Arnold Moore is buried in the Daugherty Cemetery near the Wintergreen community of Craven County.<sup>21</sup>
- D. **Lavinia Arnold** (1827 –1928) aka Lovinia was born on December 27, 1827 and died on December 15, 1928 in Craven County. Lavinia Arnold married Lewis Smith on October 12, 1850 in Craven County.<sup>22</sup> Lewis was born on December 22, 1822 and died on March 19, 1909. Their seven children were: Lewis Smith, Harvey Smith, Henderson Smith, Stephen Smith, Alonza Lucas Smith, Freeman R. Smith, and Oscar (Dock) Smith. Lavinia and Lewis Smith are buried in the Smith Cemetery on Dover – Ft. Barnwell Road in Craven County.
- E. **James Arnold** (1831 - 1875) James married Caroline Matilda Lane Hartley, the widow of Joseph Hartley about 1866. Their son was Herbert Lane Arnold.
- F. **Edward Arnold** (1836-1887) was born on April 26, 1836 and died on May 26, 1887.<sup>23</sup> He married Rachel Ann Bryan on July 25, 1865 in Craven County.<sup>24</sup> Their three children were Sarah (Sallie) B. Arnold, Noah Matthew Arnold, and Charles Porter Arnold. Edward Arnold is buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection<sup>25</sup>, his wife Rachel Ann Bryan Arnold was born in 1838 and died on January 6, 1896, daughter of Frederick Bryan. Rachel is buried in the Quinn Cemetery in the Wintergreen near Cove City.<sup>26</sup>
- G. **Sarah Arnold** (1837-) Sarah married David W. Porter on August 30, 1872 in Craven County, a Methodist minister, and the son of William and Lydia Porter of Carteret County. David W. Porter was born on December 21, 1833 and died on May 24, 1902. The children of Sarah and David Porter were Annenia, William, Annie, and Elizabeth. D. W. Porter is buried in the Asbury Cemetery.
- H. **John Stanley Arnold** (1839 -) married a widow, Mary Amanda Formyduval McCoy in 1867. John and Mary had five children, Thomas Duffy Arnold, John Clifford Arnold, Sarah Arnold, Susan Victoria Arnold, and Albert Arnold.
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- I. **Stephen Arnold** (1842-1901) was born on February 2, 1842 in Craven County and died June 14, 1901 in Craven County.<sup>27</sup> He married Virginia G. Stewart, daughter of James Stewart and Jane Loftin about 1868. Virginia was born on March 11, 1946 and died May 22, 1925.<sup>28</sup> Stephen and Virginia are buried in the Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery in Craven County.<sup>29</sup>
- J. **Elisha Freeman Arnold** (1845-1916) was born on May 25, 1845 in Craven County and died on July 1, 1916 in Craven County.<sup>30</sup> He married Caroline (Carrie) French about 1870. Caroline was born on January 1, 1844 and died March 7, 1907.<sup>31</sup> Their eight children were Henry F. Arnold, Clara Arnold, Mary Arnold, Julia Elizabeth Arnold, Effie Arnold, Turner C. Arnold, James Edward Arnold, and Caroline Arnold. Elisha F. and Caroline Arnold are buried in the Beech Grove Methodist Church Cemetery at Bellair.<sup>32</sup>

## Overview of the William Arnold Family



**Figure 57 Overview of the William Arnold Family**

## The William Arnold Family

**William Arnold** (1818-1886) William, the eldest son of Elisha Arnold was born in Craven County. He married Nancy Ipock, said to be the daughter of Moses Ipock, on May 9, 1842 in Craven County.<sup>33</sup> Nancy was born in 1822 and died in 1889 in Craven County. William and Nancy Arnold are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.<sup>34</sup>

William Ernul (Arnold) appears in the 1850 Craven census along with wife, Nancy, and children, Susan, Moses, Sarah, and Harriet. William was listed as a farmer, with property valued at \$1500. He is also listed on Schedule 2, as owing 5 slaves. He lived in the Russell's District of Craven County.<sup>35</sup>

In the 1860 Craven census, William Arnold is listed as a farmer in Russell's District. His household consisted of wife, Nancy and 5 children. Also in the household was Lovey (or Lovicy) Ipock, age 54, possibly the mother of his wife, Nancy.<sup>36</sup>

In the 1870 Craven census, William Arnold was listed as a farmer in 9<sup>th</sup> Township (renamed from Russell's District) along with wife Nancy and 3 children. Also listed in the household is John Taylor.<sup>37</sup>

In the 1880 Craven census, William Arnold was listed in the 9<sup>th</sup> Township, along with wife Nancy, and children Annie and William. Also in the household was Sarah Arnold, daughter-in-law, Thomas Ivey, son-in-law, Nannie Arnold, granddaughter, and Duffy Lane, grandson.<sup>38</sup>

In the book, *The Historic Architecture of New Bern and Craven County*, the homes of William Arnold and his son, William J. Arnold are pictured. William Arnold's home was built circa 1850-1860 and still stands in 2002 in Perfection, NC on NC Highway 55. Peter Sandbeck's book also shows a photo of the William Arnold, Jr. home, which was located across the road from the home of his father. This structure burned in the 1990s after it was damaged in a hurricane.<sup>39</sup>

### The children of William Arnold and Nancy Ipock were:

- A. **Susan Jane Arnold** (1844- 1882) was born in Craven County in 1844 and died in Craven County in 1882. Susan married William Penn Lane on August 30, 1872 in Craven County. Their six children were Moses Duffy Lane, Rosa Lane, Florence Lane, Annie Lane, Leonidas (Lonnie) Lane, and Sudie Lane. William Penn Lane was born February 14, 1846 and died on December 12, 1926. William P. Lane later married Julia H. Lane (1872-1960). Susan Arnold Lane and William P. Lane are buried in the Fort Barnwell Baptist Church Cemetery. Their children, Moses, Rosa, Florence, Lonnie and Sudie are also buried in this cemetery. Julia H. Lane is buried in the Lane Cemetery on Lane Farm Road near Fort Barnwell.
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**Figure 58** *Home of William Arnold*

*Built circa 1850-1860, located in Perfection on US Highway 55. Held in the Arnold family for several generations, this photo was taken in 2002 by the author.*

- B. **Moses Duffy Arnold** (1845-1868) was born on December 6, 1845 and died on July 28, 1868 in Craven County. He never married and is buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.
- C. **Sarah Catharine Arnold** (1849-1913) was born on December 19, 1849 and died on November 18, 1913 in Craven County. She married Adrian P. Davis on December 21, 1870. Adrian was born on January 21, 1850 and died on October 6, 1887. Adrian was the son of Richard and Catherine Prescott Davis. The six children of Sarah and Adrian P. Davis were Claude Davis, Marcus Davis, Drusilla (Zella) Davis, Mamie Davis, Maud Davis, and Albert H. Davis. Sarah and Adrian and their children except Albert H. Davis are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection. Albert H. Davis and his wife Nannie J. Ivey are buried in the Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery.
- D. **Harriet Lavinia Arnold** (1850-1915) was born on May 10, 1850 and died on February 2, 1915 in Craven County. She married George Milton Lancaster on December 22, 1875 in Craven County. George Milton Lancaster was born on July 11, 1848 and died on May 10, 1916 in Craven County. The 1900 Craven census lists a son, William Lancaster born about 1879. The census also indicates three other deceased children. Harriet and George M. Lancaster are buried in a family plot 8 miles south of Fort Barnwell on NC Highway 55.
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E. **Eliza Ann Arnold** was born in 1851 and died in 1934. She married William W. Prescott on July 28, 1872 in Craven County. William W. Prescott was born on July 17, 1847 and died on May 22, 1912 in Craven County. Their three children were Olivia Javine Prescott, Leon Floyd Prescott, and W. M. Prescott. The family is buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.

F. **Julia Eleanor Arnold** was born on October 28, 1856 and died on January 28, 1912 in Craven County. Julia married John Humphrey on February 21, 1877 at her father's residence in Perfection. John Humphrey was born on April 1, 1847 and died on January 13, 1917. Julia and John made their home in Clarks and their four children were Laura Gertrude Humphrey, Jay Lee Humphrey, John William Humphrey and Clara Julia Humphrey. Julia and John Humphrey are buried in the family cemetery near Deep Branch in Clarks.

*See Chapters 6 and 7 on the Humphrey families.*

G. **Mary Frances Arnold** was born on October 26, 1857 and died on December 9, 1921 in Craven County. Mary married Thomas J. Ivey on March 15, 1878 in Craven County. Thomas J. Ivey was born on April 21, 1855 and died on November 22, 1929. Their only child was Nannie J. Ivey. Nannie married Albert H. Davis. All are buried in the Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery.

H. **Nancy (Nannie) Caroline Arnold** was born on February 4, 1861 and died on May 10, 1928. She married Walter Cox on December 17, 1886. Walter Cox was born on July 15, 1856 and died on December 1, 1915. Their four children were Abraham (Abe) Cox, William Cox, John T. Cox, and Nora Cox. Nancy and Walter Cox are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection.

I. **William James Arnold** was born on March 26, 1862 and died on June 6, 1922. He married Matilda Daugherty in 1883. Matilda Daugherty was born on October 1, 1864 and died on May 1, 1942. William J. Arnold is listed as Postmaster at Perfection in May 1888. This post office was discontinued in 1903. William and Matilda are buried in the Arnold Cemetery near Perfection. In the 1900 census Ada Arnold, age 22, is also listed in the household as a sister with a boarder, Lucy Taylor. Ada was Ada Daugherty, sister to Matilda D. Arnold. The 1900 census indicates William and Matilda had been married for 16 years and had no children.

Of William Arnold's two sons, Moses Duffy died unmarried at the age of 23. His other son William J. Arnold had no children. The seven daughters of William Arnold had many children and there are many descendants in the Craven County area.

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**The grandchildren of William Arnold and Nancy Ipock were:**

- A. Susan Jane Arnold and William Penn Lane.
    - 1. Moses Duffy Lane 1879 – 1919 m. Malvina Dawson
    - 2. Rosa Lane 1872 – 1965 m. William Lemuel Barwick
    - 3. Florence Lane 1874 – 1875
    - 4. Annie Lane 1877 - m. Joseph Kinsey
    - 5. Leonidas “Lonnie” Lane 1879 – 1899
    - 6. Sudie Lane 1882 – 1882
  - B. Moses Duffy Arnold – never married, no children.
  - C. Sarah Catharine Arnold and David W. Porter.
    - 1. Claude Davis 1873-1895
    - 2. Marcus Davis 1875-1876
    - 3. Drusilla (Zella) Davis 1877-1894
    - 4. Mamie Davis 1878-1878
    - 5. Maud Davis 1880-1880
    - 6. Albert H. Davis 1880-1928 m. Nannie J. Ivey.
  - D. Harriet Lavinia Arnold and George Milton Lancaster
    - 1. William D. Lancaster
  - E. Eliza Jane Arnold and William W. Prescott
    - 1. Olivia Javine Prescott 1874-1964
    - 2. Leon Floyd Prescott 1875-1876
    - 3. W. M. Prescott 1877-1922
  - F. Julia Eleanor Arnold and John Humphrey.
    - 1. Laura Gertrude Humphrey 1879 – 1899
    - 2. Jay Lee Humphrey 1881- 1964 m. Stella Rosa Pittman.
    - 3. John William Humphrey 1884 – 1942 m. Eva Lane Pittman.
    - 4. Clara Julia Humphrey 1886 – 1890 m. Haliburton J. Foscue.
  - G. Mary Frances Arnold and Thomas J. Ivey.
    - 1. Nannie J. Ivey 1878 - 1973
    - 2. William Ivey 1882 –
  - H. Nancy Caroline Arnold and Walter Cox.
    - 1. William Cox 1895-1928 m. Eula Mae Moore.
    - 2. John T. Cox 1987-1928 m. Sadie Quinn.
    - 3. Nora Cox m. Edward Cox.
  - I. William J. Arnold and Matilda Daugherty.
    - 1. No children.
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**Chapter 10 The Elisha Arnold Family**

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- <sup>1</sup> Heritage of Craven County, Volume I. 1984. Article 72. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>2</sup> Craven County Marriage Index. 1780-1867. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>3</sup> Heritage of Craven County, Volume I. 1984. Article 71. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>4</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 2. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>5</sup> 1820 Craven County Census, Page 68. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>7</sup> 1840 Craven County Census. Pages 75-77. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>8</sup> 1841 Craven County School Records 1841-1868. Frame 159. Microfilm C.028.90039. Craven Co. Library.
  - <sup>9</sup> 1850 Craven County Census. Shedule 1, Page 327B. Schedule 4, Page 3. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>10</sup> Ibid.
  - <sup>11</sup> 1860 Craven County Census. Russell's District. EN 494. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>12</sup> 1870 Craven County Census. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>13</sup> Craven County Marriage Index. 1780-1867. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>14</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 2. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>15</sup> Ibid.
  - <sup>16</sup> Craven County Marriage Index. 1780-1867. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>17</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 2. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>18</sup> The Heritage of Craven County, NC. Volume I. 1984. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>19</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 2. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>26</sup> Ibid.
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  - <sup>31</sup> Ibid.
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  - <sup>35</sup> 1850 Craven County Census. Shedule 1, Page 327B. Schedule 2, Page 39. Microfilm. Craven Co. Library.
  - <sup>36</sup> 1860 Craven County Census. Russell's District, EN 493. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>37</sup> 1870 Craven County Census. 9<sup>th</sup> Township, EN 164. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>38</sup> 1880 Craven County Census. 9<sup>th</sup> Township, EN 151. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>39</sup> The Historic Architecture of New Bern and Craven County. 1988. Sandbeck. Craven County Library.
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## Chapter 11 The Elijah Vail Pittman Family

**Joseph Pittman** lived in Accomac County, Virginia in 1678. His will was written in 1778 and was probated in 1783 according to Accomac County records<sup>1</sup>. His wife was Elizabeth Johnson Pittman, and her brothers were Obedience and Thomas Johnson. Joseph and Elizabeth Pittman had two children, Obedience and Mary.<sup>2</sup>

**Obedience Pittman**, son of Joseph, was born in Accomac Co, Virginia and moved to North Carolina, sometime before 1713. A deed from Thomas Lewis to Adam Furguson, Jr. mentions the property line of widow Pittman.<sup>3</sup> The widow Pittman had two children, Joseph and William.<sup>4</sup> A conveyance in 1716 from Thomas Lewis from 300 acres to Obedience Pittman was acknowledged at a Court held at the house of Captain William Hancock in October 1716 per Craven County records.<sup>5</sup>

**Joseph Pittman**, son of Obedience Pittman and wife (widow Pittman) was born about 1700 and married Elizabeth Furguson, daughter of Adam Furguson, Sr. and sister to Mark and Adam Furguson, Jr.<sup>6</sup> Joseph and Elizabeth had children Obedience, John, Joseph, Mark, Southy, and Thomas. These children are listed in Joseph's 1747 will in Craven County.<sup>7</sup>

**Joseph Pittman, Jr.**, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Pittman, was born about 1730.<sup>8</sup> A 1763 deed mentions Joseph selling land to John Pittman, from land given me by Father Joseph Pittman, deceased on the east side of Adam's Creek and a small creek called Bethsheba's Creek.<sup>9</sup> Another deed, dated 1785, identifies lands on the North Side of the Neuse River.<sup>10</sup> The lands were later sold by Elijah V. Pittman and Spencer Pittman, sons of Joseph.

Joseph Pittman married Eleanor Veale (aka as Mary Neale)<sup>11</sup>, daughter of John Veale.<sup>12</sup> His will of 1808 identifies his children as Elijah, Spencer, Susannah, William, and Joseph.<sup>13</sup>

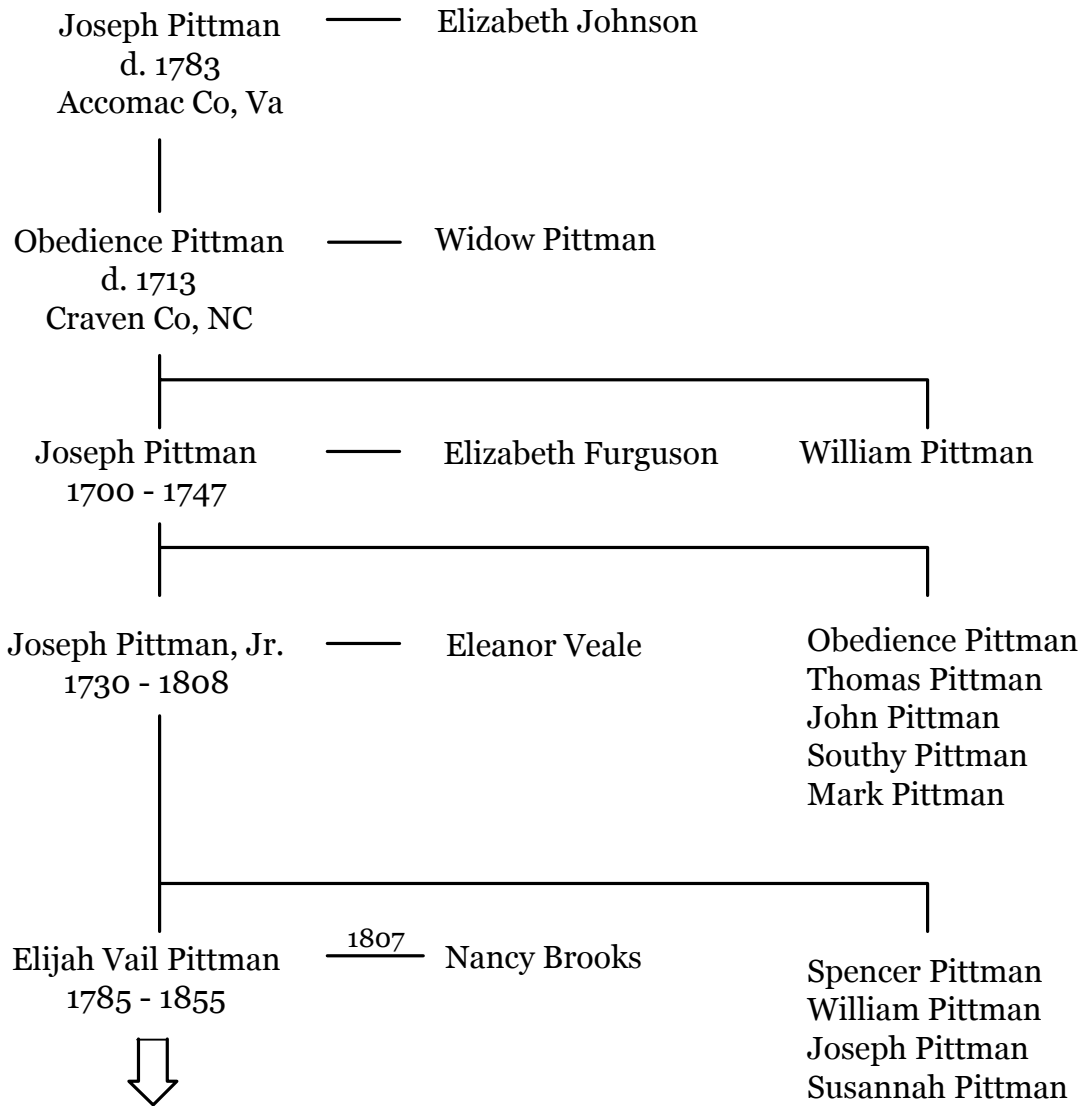
**Spencer Pittman** son of Joseph, married Patsy Delamar on March 20, 1805 in Craven County.

**William Pittman**, son of Joseph, married Sarah Riggs on June 17, 1807 in Craven County.

**Elijah Vail Pittman**, son of Joseph, born about 1785, married Nancy Brooks on September 5, 1807 in Craven County<sup>14</sup>. She was born in 1788, daughter of Joseph Brooks and Martha Willis. In 1824, Elijah Pittman is listed as a merchant in New Bern.<sup>15</sup> He occupied store tenements in a group of brick buildings opposite the bank of New Bern in 1824. He was also a Commissioner, Juryman, and Justice of the Peace.<sup>16</sup>

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## Early Craven County Pittmans



**Figure 59 Early Craven Area Pittman Family Tree**

*Early Pittmans moved from Accomac Virginia to the lower Neuse River area of North Carolina, Elijah V. Pittman appears to migrated as an adult to New Bern and then to Lenoir County.*

The early Craven County Pittmans migrated from Accomac County, Virginia to the lower Neuse River area, part of Craven County in 1710. The early deeds locate property on both sides of the river, a plantation on the east side of Adams Creek, now part of Carteret County, and on Brown's Creek on the north side of the Neuse River, now the area of Whortonsville in Pamlico County.<sup>17</sup>

About 1800 there are also Pittmans living in the Turnagain Bay area on the south side of the Neuse, on Pittman's Creek. Although some of the Pittman family continued to live in Carteret County, Elijah Vail Pittman migrated to New Bern and later to Kinston, NC area.<sup>18</sup>

The old Pittman settlement on Pittman's Creek and Turnagain Bay was deserted by 1900 in favor of land accessible by roads. An old cemetery on Pittman's Creek still remains with the following markers per Dollie Carraway's book, *A History of South River*.<sup>19</sup>

The following is reportedly the persons buried on Pittman Creek. The existence of any old markers of wood and ballast stone is not known in 2002<sup>20</sup>:

Mary N. Pittman  
Wife of Joseph Pittman  
B. 1748- D. 1809  
(Name and date cut on ballast stone)

Joseph Pittman  
Husband of Mary Neal Pittman  
B.c. 1746-D.c. 1832

John Pittman  
Husband of Abigail Smith Pittman  
B.c. 1785-D. 1852

Meredith Pittman  
Husband of Mary Lewis Pittman  
B. 1821 -D. 1894

Thomas Pittman  
Husband of Rebecca Smith Pittman  
B.c. 1790-D. 1864

Mary Lewis Pittman  
Wife of Meredith Pittman  
B. 1828- D. 1898

In her book, Dollie Carraway goes into details on the families living in the Turnagain Bay area. In Chapter 18 of *A History of South River*, there is information of the early Pittmans and also on other Pittman families that continued to live in the area after Elijah V. Pittman migrated from Pittman's Creek to Lenoir County, NC<sup>21</sup>

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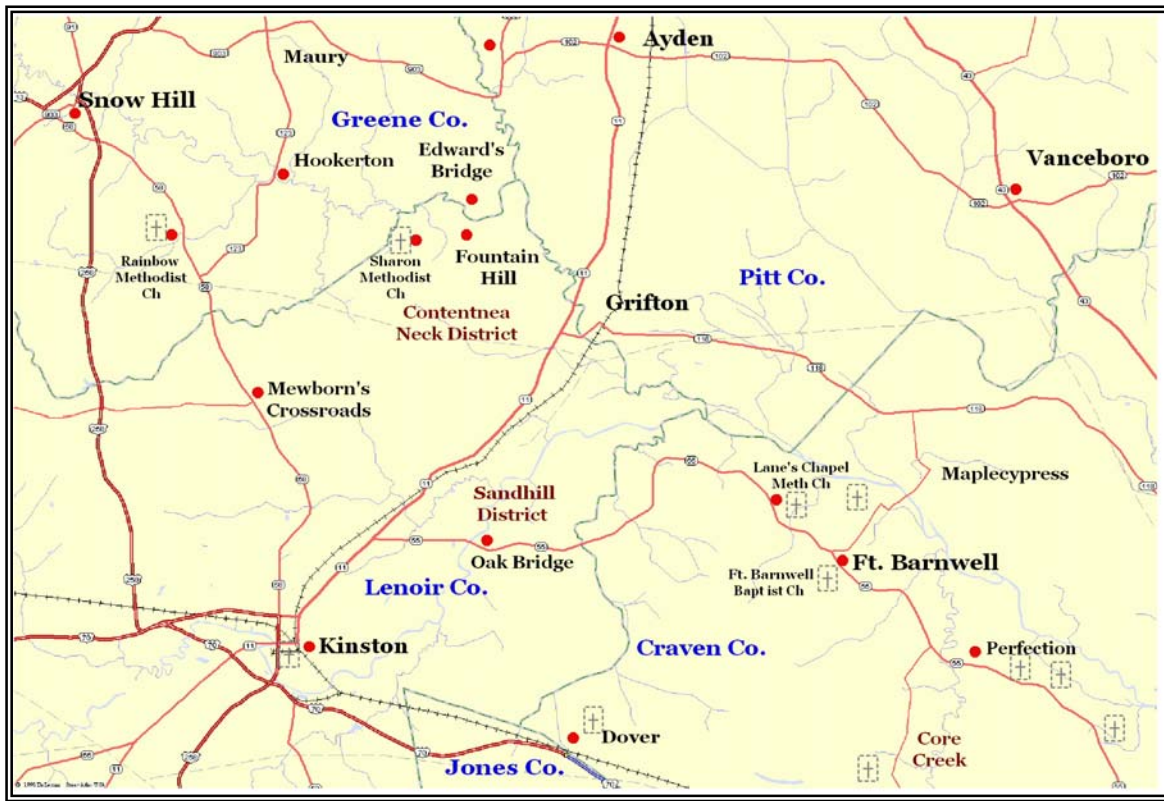
**Figure 60 Lower Neuse River Area**

*The lower Neuse River area of now Pamlico and Carteret counties of North Carolina. The early families of Joseph and Obedience Pittman owned properties in this area on both sides of the Neuse River.*

**Elijah V. Pittman** moved to New Bern sometime after his marriage to Nancy Brooks in 1807. He does not appear in the 1820 or 1830 census in either Craven or Lenoir County. He does appear as a merchant in 1824 in New Bern, and in his office of Justice of the Peace, performed the marriages in Craven County as early as 1814.<sup>22</sup>

Elijah does appear in the 1840 Lenoir County census living with two females and two other males in the household (sons Philetus and Francis). A Pittman family bible records three children, Mary Anna, Josephus, Philetus, and Francis. Elijah appears in the 1844 Lenoir County Tax list owning 241 acres valued at \$1270 with a tax assessment of \$3.81 and one black pole tax of \$0.60.<sup>23</sup> His wife, Nancy Brooks Pittman, died in 1842 and was buried at Pittman Place in Contentnea Neck in Lenoir County.<sup>24</sup>

Elijah V. Pittman appears in the 1850 Lenoir County census as age 65, along with Penelope, age 52, apparently a second wife.<sup>25</sup> A successful farmer, Elijah is also listed in 1850 Schedules 2 and 4, owning 8 slaves and farming 140 acres.<sup>26</sup> By 1850 he had divided his property with his son, Philetus Pittman. Elijah died in 1855, was buried at Pittman Place in Contentnea Neck, Lenoir County.<sup>27</sup>



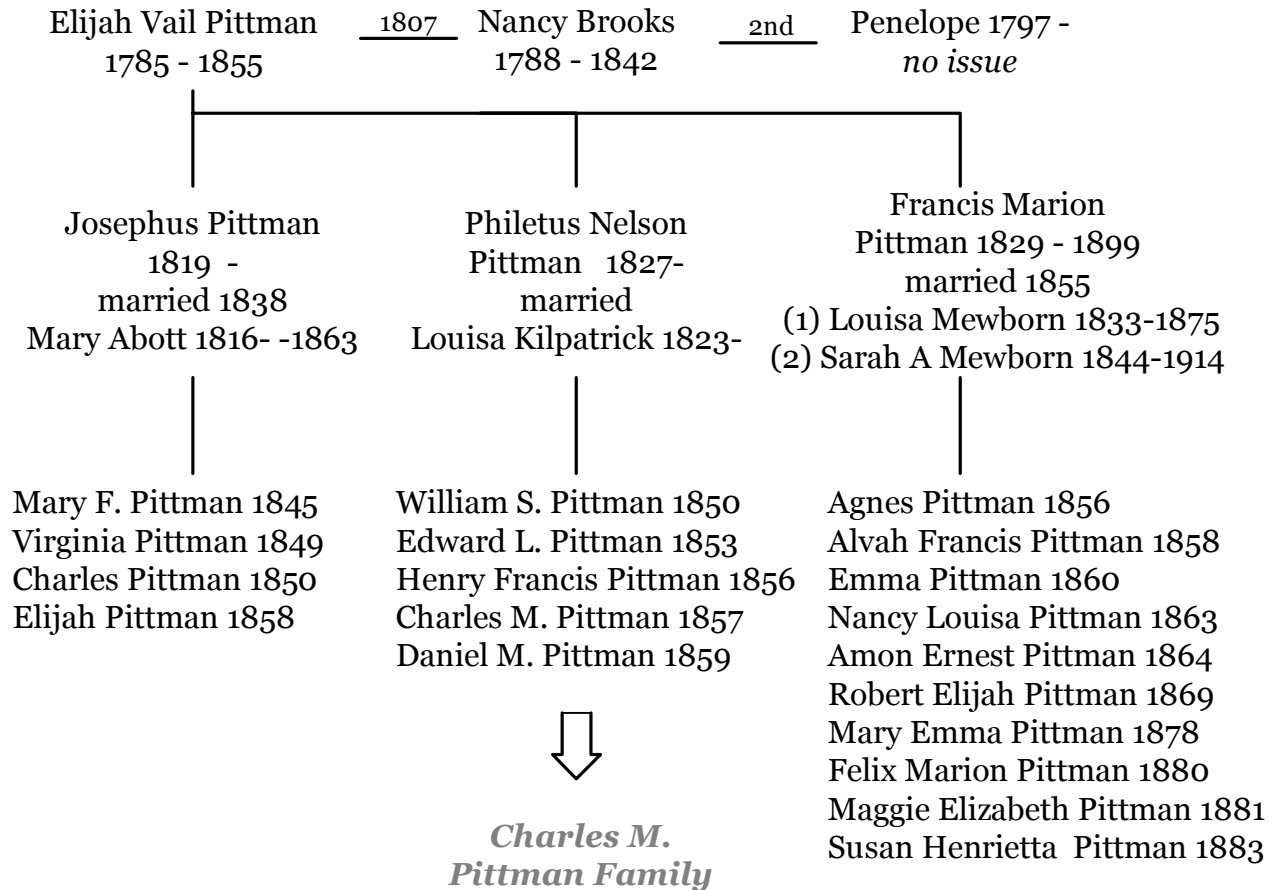
**Figure 61** Area Map of Lenoir, Greene, Pitt, and Craven Co.

The area of northwestern Craven County, NC, including Fort Barnwell and Perfection. Elijah V. Pittman settled near Fountain Hill in the Contentnea Neck District of Lenoir County. His grandson, Charles M. Pittman lived in Fort Barnwell from 1880 to after 1900. Many of the descendants of Elijah V. Pittman settled in the area including Snow Hill, Grifton, and Ayden.

## The Elijah Vail Pittman Family



### *Early Craven Area Pittmans*



**Figure 62 The Elijah Vail Pittman Family Tree**

*After migrating to Lenoir County, Elijah Pittman founded a large family with numerous descendants, many still living in the area today.*





**Figure 63** *Pittman Place, Home of Elijah Vail Pittman*

*The home of Elijah Vail Pittman near Fountain Hill in Lenoir County. Taken in 1914, the home was on Skeeter Pond Road in the Contentnea Neck District. Also known as the Pittman-Barwick house, it was later demolished on an unknown date, and the adjoining family cemetery was destroyed by a mining operation.<sup>28</sup>*

*Photo courtesy Nancy Pittman.*

### **The Children of Elijah V. Pittman and Nancy Brooks were:**

**A. Mary Anna Pittman**, the daughter of Elijah V. Pittman, was born August 13, 1816 in Contentnea Neck, Lenoir County.<sup>29</sup> She married Edmond Brooks on September 28, 1838, the son of James Brooks.<sup>30</sup> Edmond was born on August 25, 1812 in Content Neck and died November 15, 1880. Mary died on February 1, 1881 in Contentnea Neck.<sup>31</sup>

The children of Mary Anna Pittman and Joseph Brooks were<sup>32</sup>:

1. **Joseph Henry Brooks** was born July 16, 1839 and died November 14, 1898. He married Cordelia A. Barwick on July 30, 1868.
2. **Mary Jennie Brooks** was born March 10, 1841 and married a Harper.

3. **Nancy Ann Brooks** was born on May 14, 1843 and died May 13, 1919.
4. **Henry Francis Brooks** was born April 11, 1846 and died October 1, 1917 in Pitt County. He is buried in the Ayden Cemetery, Ayden, NC.
5. **Martha Eleanor Brooks** was born April 14, 1849 and died November 27, 1910.
6. **Elijah P. Brooks** was born December 21, 1851.
7. **Samuel Willis Brooks** was born February 1, 1856 and died September 14, 1914.

**B. Josephus Pittman**, the son of Elijah V. Pittman, was born about 1819 in Lenoir County.<sup>33</sup> In the 1840 Lenoir County census, he is included in the headcount of the family. He married Mary Abbott, daughter of Thomas Abbott and Cassandra Worthington. Mary Abbott was born about 1815 and died after 1860 in Contentnea Neck. Josephus does not appear in the 1850 Lenoir census, but is listed in the 1860 Lenoir census along with wife Mary and five of his children.

The children of Mary Abbott and Josephus Pittman were<sup>34</sup>:

1. **Mary F. Pittman** was born about 1845.
2. **Virginia Pittman** was born about 1849.
3. **Charles S. Pittman** was born in 1852. He married Julia Frenny, the daughter of John Frenny and Susan.
4. **George Pittman** was born in 1853. He married Clarissa Sumerell, daughter of William Sumerell on October 10, 1879.
5. **Eave Pittman** was born 1858. (Not listed in 1860 Lenoir census, possibly died young).
6. **Elijah Pittman** was born January 1860. He married Mary Elizabeth Tucker on November 28, 1899. Mary was the daughter of John and Mary Tucker. She was born in July 1867.
7. **Sarah Ann (Sallie) Pittman** was born October 12, 1863 and died June 26, 1935.
8. **Bettie Pittman** was born October 27, 1866 and died July 18, 1933 in Beaufort County. She married Edward Fenner Adams. Edward was born August 15, 1867 and died June 1, 1923 in Beaufort County.

Josephus Pittman married (2) Louisa Blount about 1867. She was born in 1840<sup>35</sup>.

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Their children were:

9. **Joseph Sharp Pittman** was born September 08, 1870 and died August 11, 1928 in the Swift Creek Township of Pitt County. He is buried in the St. John's Episcopal Cemetery near Grifton, NC.<sup>36</sup>

10. **William Pittman.**

**C. Philetus Nelson Pittman**, the son of Elijah V. Pittman, was born about 1827 and died after 1880. He was listed in the household of Elijah in the 1840 Lenoir census.<sup>37</sup> He married Louisa Kilpatrick sometime in 1849-1850.<sup>38</sup> She was about born 1823. He is listed on 1850 Schedules 1, 2, and 4 on the 1850 Lenoir census. He was listed as a farmer, owning 100 acres and 2 slaves.<sup>39</sup> The property was partitioned from the 240 acres listed by father, Elijah, on the 1844 Lenoir tax listing.<sup>40</sup>

In 1860, Philetus and Louisa Pittman appear in the Lenoir census, along with sons William S., Edward L., Charles M., and Daniel M in the Contentnea Neck District.<sup>41</sup>

In 1870, Philetus and Louisa Pittman appear in the Lenoir census, along with sons William S., Henry F., Edward L., Charles M., and Daniel M., residing in the Contentnea Neck District.<sup>42</sup>

In 1879, the death of son, Daniel Pittman on January 6, was recorded in the January 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Kinston Journal. <sup>43</sup>

In 1880, Philetus and Louisa Pittman appear in the Lenoir census, along with son Henry Pittman, age 25, residing in Kinston, NC.<sup>44</sup>

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**The children of Philetus N. Pittman and Louisa Kilpatrick were:**

1. **William S. Pittman** was born November 19, 1850 and died on October 1, 1910. He is buried in the Sharon Methodist Church Cemetery near Hugo in Lenoir County. He married Julia Barwick, daughter of Isaac Barwick and Louisa Baker. Julia was born September 18, 1852 in Lenoir County and died March 5, 1921 in Lenoir County.<sup>45, 46</sup>
2. **Edward L. Pittman** was born about 1853.<sup>47</sup>
3. **Henry F. Pittman** was born about 1856.<sup>48</sup>
4. **Charles Manly Pittman** was born May 11, 1857 and died November 20, 1950. He is buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, NC.<sup>49</sup>
5. **Daniel M. Pittman** was born about 1859 and died January 6, 1879.<sup>50, 51</sup>

**D. Francis Marion Pittman**, the son of Elijah V. Pittman, was born September 11, 1829 in Lenoir County. He married (1<sup>st</sup>) Louisa Mewborn, daughter of Lemuel Hardy Mewborn and Louisa Kilpatrick, on March 27, 1855. Louisa Mewborn was born on December 17, 1833 and died October 15, 1875 in Kinston, NC. He married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sarah Ann Mewborn, sister of Louisa about 1878. Sarah Ann Mewborn was born September 26, 1844 and died in Kinston on March 14, 1914. Francis M. Pittman died in January 1, 1899 in Grifton, NC.<sup>52</sup>

Francis M. Pittman is listed in the 1840 Lenoir census in the headcount of his father, Elijah Pittman.<sup>53</sup> In 1850, Francis is still living in his father's household.<sup>54</sup> In 1860, Francis M. Pittman is head of household in the Contentnea District of Lenoir County along with wife Louisa and three children.<sup>55</sup> In 1870, the family is still living in the Contentnea Neck District of Lenoir County.<sup>56</sup> In the 1800 Lenoir census, Francis M. Pittman is listed with 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Sarah Mewborn Pittman along with five children of the first marriage and two of children of the second marriage.<sup>57</sup>

**The children of Francis Marion Pittman and Louisa Mewborn were<sup>58</sup>:**

1. **Agnes Pittman** was born February 16, 1856 in Fountain Hill. She married George B. Webb and she died in May 1930.
  2. **Alvah Francis Pittman** was born on December 22, 1857 in Fountain Hill. He married Luvenia S. Tripp and he died in May 1926.
  3. **Emma Pittman** was born on January 16, 1860 in Coward's Bridge, Lenoir County and died May 1930.
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4. **Nancy Louisa Pittman** was born on March 22, 1862 in Coward's Bridge, Lenoir County. She married S. Brock Bruton.
5. **Amon Ernest Pittman** was born on November 5, 1864 in Hookerton in Greene County, NC. He married Kathleen Mary Wood in 1889. They are buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in New Bern, NC.
6. **Robert Elijah Pittman** was born on August 31, 1867 at Pittman Place in Lenoir County and died January 12, 1936 in Roxboro, Person County, NC.

**The children of Francis M. Pittman and Sarah Ann Mewborn were<sup>59</sup>:**

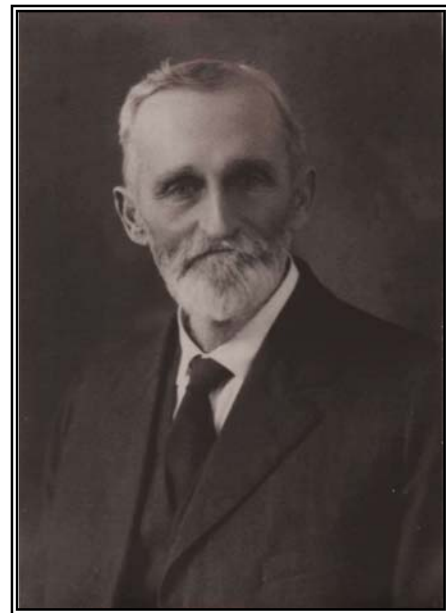
7. **Mary Anna Pittman** was born on June 4, 1878 in Lenoir County. She married W. T. Purvis on December 2, 1908.
8. **Felix Marion Pittman** was born on February 4, 1880 at Pittman Place in Lenoir County. He married Annie Spriggs in July 1907.
9. **Maggie Elizabeth Pittman** was born May 31, 1881 at Pittman Place in Lenoir County. She married Joseph C. Rasberry on November 5, 1903.
10. **Susan Henrietta Pittman** was born August 9, 1883 in Grifton, NC and married Hardy P. Loftin in April 1905. She died on May 5, 1962.

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## The Charles Manly Pittman Family

**Charles Manly Pittman**, son of Philetus Pittman, was born on May 11, 1857 in Lenoir County and died November 20, 1950.<sup>60</sup> He married Annie Gooding on December 20, 1880 at the residence of Julia Lane Gooding, in Craven County.<sup>61</sup> Annie was the daughter of Francis Counsel Gooding and Julia Lane.<sup>62</sup> She was born on June 18, 1857 in Russell's District, Craven County and died December 5, 1954. They are buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, NC.<sup>63</sup>

Charles M. Pittman first appears in the 1860 Lenoir County census, in the home of his father, Philetus Pittman, in the Contentnea Neck District.<sup>64</sup> In 1870, he appears in the Lenoir census, again, in the home of Philetus Pittman in Contentnea Neck.<sup>65</sup>



**Figure 64 Photo of  
Charles Manly Pittman**

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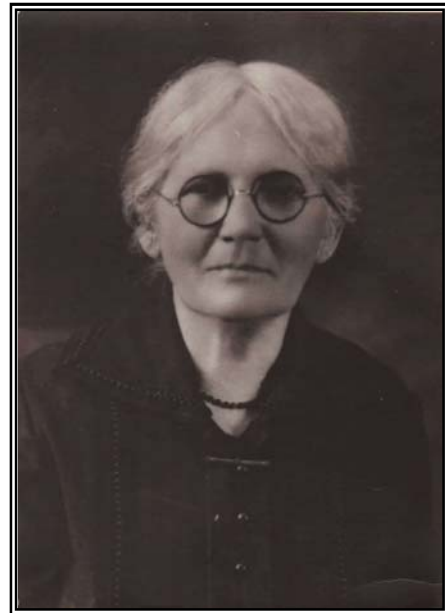
Charles M. Pittman migrated to Craven County sometime before 1880. He is listed in the 1880 Craven Census in the 9<sup>th</sup> Township, newly married to Annie Gooding. He is listed as a farmer and head of household, also living with Julia Gooding, mother-in-law and sister-in-law Hallie Gooding.<sup>66</sup> In 1900, Charles is listed in 3<sup>rd</sup> Township of Craven County as a farmer living at Fort Barnwell, NC along with wife, Annie<sup>67</sup>. All of the children are listed in the home except Harold Pittman, then a boarder in Cove City.<sup>68</sup>

In 1910, the family is listed in the Lenoir County census in the Kinston Township. Listed are Charles, his wife, Annie, and children James, Rosa, and Annie. The only person listed with an occupation in 1810 was Rosa, age 17, telephone operator.<sup>69</sup>

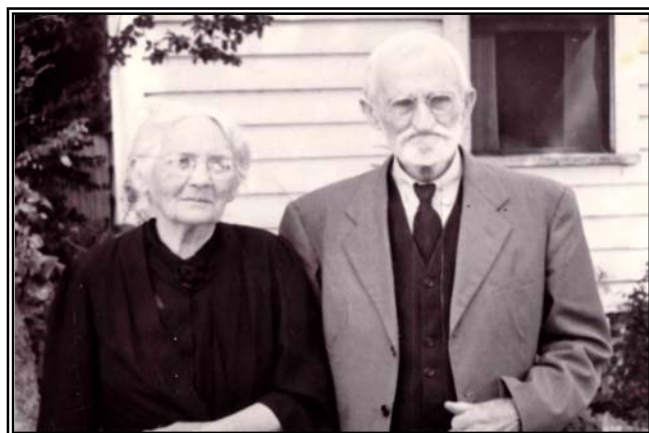
Again in 1910, Charles and Annie were listed living in Kinston, NC on the marriage license of daughter, Eva Lane Pittman to John William Humphrey.<sup>70</sup>

In 1912, the Charles Pittman family was living in Kinston, when a marriage license was issued to Rosa Pittman and Jay Lee Humphrey on July 31, 1912.<sup>71</sup>

Charles and Annie Pittman are listed again in the 1920 Craven County census residing in Clarks, in the 8<sup>th</sup> Township.<sup>72</sup> The residence was the home on New Liberty Road in Clarks, built circa 1916.<sup>73</sup> Charles is listed as a farmer, along with sons Henry and Robert. Henry is listed as a farmer and Robert as a clerk in a café (location not reported). The Charles Pittman family later moved back to the Kinston, NC area. Charles and Annie Pittman are buried in the Maplewood Cemetery along with all 5 sons.<sup>74</sup>



**Figure 65** *Photo of Annie Gooding Pittman*



**Figure 66** *Charles and Annie Pittman, c. 1940*

*Photo taken in Beaufort, NC*



**The children of Charles M. Pittman and Annie Gooding were:**

- A. **Harold C. Pittman** (1880-1960)
- B. **Henry Bryan Pittman** (1882-1954)
- C. **Hattie G. Pittman** (1884-1913)
- D. **Eva Lane Pittman** (1886-1973)
- E. **Samuel Lane Pittman** (1888-1938)
- F. **James Kilpatrick Pittman** (1890-1967)
- G. **Stella Rosa Pittman** (1892-1942)
- H. **Annie Pittman** (1894-1983)
- I. **Robert Belo Pittman** (1899-1983)

A. **Harold C. Pittman** was born on October 7, 1880 in Craven County and died May 11, 1960.<sup>75</sup> Harold appears in the 1900 Craven census living in Cove City, NC as a boarder in the household of William Sauls, a merchant.<sup>76</sup> In the 1904-1905 New Bern City Directory, Harold Pittman is listed as an agent for the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, with an office at 135 1/2 Middle Street.<sup>77</sup> He married Vare (Vera) C. Hancock on July 14, 1914 in Craven County.<sup>78</sup> Vera is reported buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, but no record of her burial has been found.<sup>79</sup> In the 1930s, Harold lived in Clarks near the Clarks Methodist Church.<sup>80</sup> Harold Pittman is buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, NC.

B. **Henry Bryan Pittman** was born on April 7, 1882 in Craven County and died October 15, 1954.<sup>81</sup> He is listed in the 1900 Craven census in Ft. Barnwell, in the household of his parents. He married (1<sup>st</sup>) Estelle Newland about 1906.<sup>82</sup> In the 1910 Craven census, Henry and Estelle Pittman are listed living in Cove City along with daughter, Muriel Pittman.<sup>83</sup> In the 1920 Craven census, Henry is listed living with his parents in Clarks, occupation farmer.<sup>84</sup> He married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Rosalie (Rosa Lee) Bland on February 18, 1921 in Craven County.<sup>85</sup> They are buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, NC.

C. **Hattie G. Pittman** was born on May 29, 1884 in Craven County and died on April 12, 1913.<sup>86</sup> Hattie is listed living with her parents in Ft. Barnwell in the 1900 Craven census.<sup>87</sup> Hattie Pittman married Raymond C. Russell on February 27, 1904 in Craven County. In the 1910 Craven census, Hattie and Raymond Russell are listed living with son, Charles H. Russell, in the Fort Barnwell Precinct.<sup>88</sup> Hattie is buried in the Ft. Barnwell Baptist Church cemetery along with Raymond C. Russell (1879-1968), sons Gordon Russell (1907-1908) and Howard Russell (1909-1920). After Hattie's death, Raymond Russell married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Esther J. Russell (1894-1975).<sup>89</sup> Hattie's daughter, Ruby Russell Fulcher, is living in 2002.

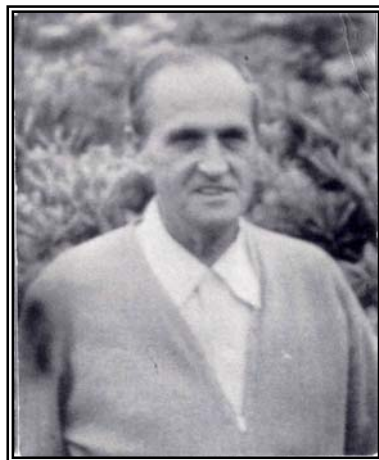
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**D. Eva Lane Pittman** was born on April 14, 1886 in Craven County and died on June 15, 1973.<sup>90</sup> In the 1900 Craven census, Eva Pittman is listed living in Fort Barnwell in the home of her parents.<sup>91</sup> Eva Pittman married John William Humphrey (1884-1942) on December 22, 1910.<sup>92</sup> Eva and John Humphrey are listed in the 1920 Craven census residing in Clarks, NC along with children John, Harriet, and Marjorie.<sup>93</sup> During the 1920s they moved to Beaufort, NC where John Humphrey operated a dairy. In 1941, the family moved to Front Street in Beaufort.<sup>94</sup> John W. Humphrey died in 1942 and was buried in the Oceanview Cemetery in Beaufort, NC.<sup>95</sup> Eva Lane Humphrey later resided in Elm City, NC with her son John P. (Jack) Humphrey. Eva Pittman Humphrey died on June 15, 1973 and was buried in the Oceanview Cemetery in Beaufort, NC.<sup>96</sup>

*See Chapter 8, The John William Humphrey Family.*

**E. Samuel Lane Pittman** was born on September 13, 1880 and died on June 26, 1938.<sup>97</sup> In the 1900 Craven census, Samuel was living in his parent's home in Fort Barnwell.<sup>98</sup> He married Isa Dora Wetherington on April 4, 1915 in Craven County.<sup>99</sup> Samuel Pittman died in auto crash 1938 near Kinston, NC. He is buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, NC. Isa W. Pittman, the daughter of Amos T. Wetherington and Virginia Eubanks, was born on July 19, 1893 in Craven County and died on January 7, 1980 in Craven County. She is buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, NC.<sup>100</sup>

**E. James Kilpatrick Pittman** was born on April 5, 1890 in Craven County and died on October 10, 1967.<sup>101</sup> In the 1900 Craven census, James was living in the home of his parents in Fort Barnwell, NC.<sup>102</sup> In 1910, James is listed in the Lenoir census living in Kinston with his parents.<sup>103</sup> James married Helen Archer after WWI. Helen was a Nurse in the Army Nurse Corps in WWI and James was a PFC in the Army Medical Corp in WWI. In 1942, the obituary of his sister, Rosa P. Humphrey reports James as living in Washington, DC.<sup>104</sup> James and Helen Pittman are buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, NC.<sup>105</sup>



**Figure 67 James K. and Helen A. Pittman**

**G. Stella Rosa (Rose) Pittman** was born on May 29, 1892 and died on July 1, 1942.<sup>106</sup> In the 1900 Craven census, Rose was listed in the home of her parents in Fort Barnwell.<sup>107</sup> In 1910, Rose was living in Kinston in the home of her parents. Her occupation was listed as telephone operator in the 1910 census. In 1912 Rose married Jay Lee Humphrey in Lenoir County.<sup>108</sup> In the 1920 Craven census, Rose and Jay Lee lived in Clarks along with three children.<sup>109</sup> Upon her death, Rose was buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston. Prior to 1964 she was interred in the Greenleaf Memorial Cemetery in New Bern, NC. Jay Lee Humphrey, the son of John Humphrey and Julia E. Arnold, was born on August 16, 1881 and died on June 29, 1964.<sup>110</sup> Jay Lee Humphrey is buried in the Greenleaf Memorial Cemetery in New Bern, NC.<sup>111</sup>

*See Chapter 7, The Jay Lee Humphrey Family.*

**H. Annie Eliza Pittman** was born on November 24, 1894 in Craven County and died on April 19, 1983.<sup>112</sup> In the 1900 Craven census, Annie is listed in the home of her parents in Fort Barnwell.<sup>113</sup> In the 1920 Lenoir census, Annie was living with her parents in Kinston, NC. Annie married Ralph W. Dail, Sr. (1891-1941) and resided in Snow Hill, NC. Ralph and Annie Dail are buried in Rainbow Methodist Church Cemetery near Snow Hill, NC along with daughters Margaret Dail Hart and Louise Dail Junkin.

**J. Robert Belo Pittman** was born on February 25, 1899 in Craven County and died on October 27, 1983 in Craven County.<sup>114</sup> In the 1900 Craven census, Robert is listed in the home of his parents in Fort Barnwell.<sup>115</sup> In the 1920 Craven census, he was living with his parents in Clarks, NC.<sup>116</sup> Robert married Vera Edward Hill on March 24, 1928 in Vanceboro, Craven County and resided in Clarks, NC. An infant child is buried in a now unmarked grave in the Humphrey Cemetery in Clarks, NC.<sup>117</sup> Vera Hill Pittman was born in Carteret County on May 10, 1909 and died on December 17, 1997 in Craven County.<sup>118</sup> Robert and Vera Pittman are buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, NC.

**Grandchildren of Charles M. Pittman and Annie Gooding were<sup>119, 120</sup>:**

A. Harold C. Pittman and Vera C. Hancock

a. No known children

B. Henry Bryan Pittman and Estelle Newland

a. Muriel Pittman

b. Gladys Pittman

Henry B. Pittman and Rosa Lee Bland

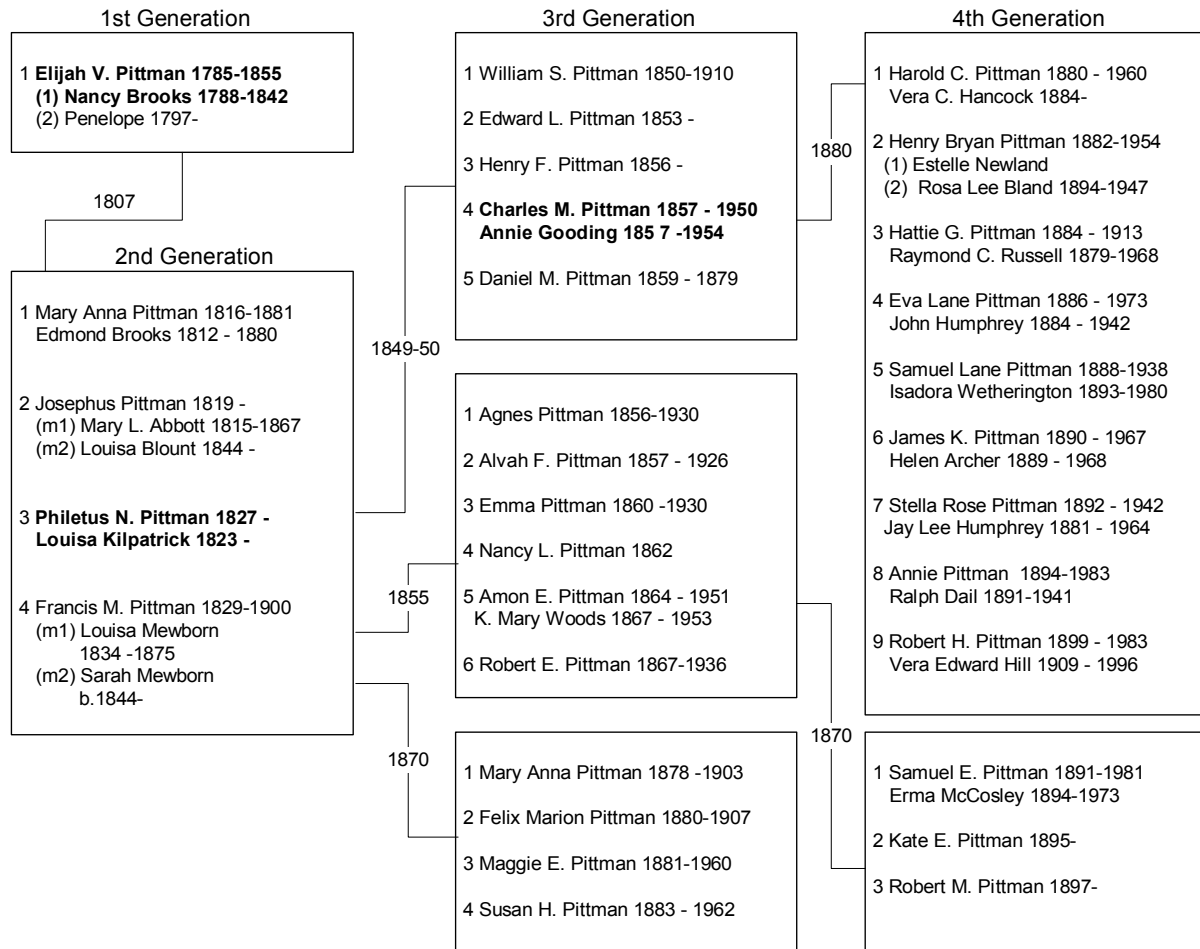
a. Henry B. Pittman, Jr.

b. Alvin Earl Pittman

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- C. Hattie G. Pittman and Raymond C. Russell
    - a. Gordon Russell
    - b. Charles Howard Russell
    - c. Ruby Russell Fulcher
  - D. Eva Lane Pittman and John William Humphrey
    - a. John (Jack) Pittman Humphrey
    - b. Harriet Lee Humphrey Phillips
    - c. Marjorie Faye Humphrey Linnemeier
    - d. Robert Pittman Humphrey
  - E. Samuel Lane Pittman and Isa D. Wetherington
    - a. Samuel Lane Pittman, Jr.
    - b. Charles Manly Pittman
    - c. Ethel Joyce Pittman Simpson
  - F. James Kilpatrick Pittman and Angeline Helen Archer
    - a. No known children
  - G. Stella Rosa (Rose) Pittman and Jay Lee Humphrey
    - a. Laura Eleanor Humphrey
    - b. Doris Lee Humphrey McCombs
    - c. Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr.
    - d. Harold Bumpas Humphrey
    - e. Donald Holmes Humphrey
    - f. William Grey Humphrey
    - g. James Carroll Humphrey
    - h. Hal Foscue Humphrey (twin)
    - i. Helen Archer Humphrey Ferguson (twin)
    - j. Charles Manly Humphrey
  - H. Annie Eliza Pittman and Ralph W. Dail
    - a. Annie Pittman Dail Lane
    - b. Margaret Dail Hart
    - c. Louise Dail Junkin
    - d. Ralph Dail, Jr.
    - e. Cary Dail
  - I. Robert Belo Pittman and Vera Edward Hill
    - a. Infant in Humphrey Cemetery (unmarked, no dates).
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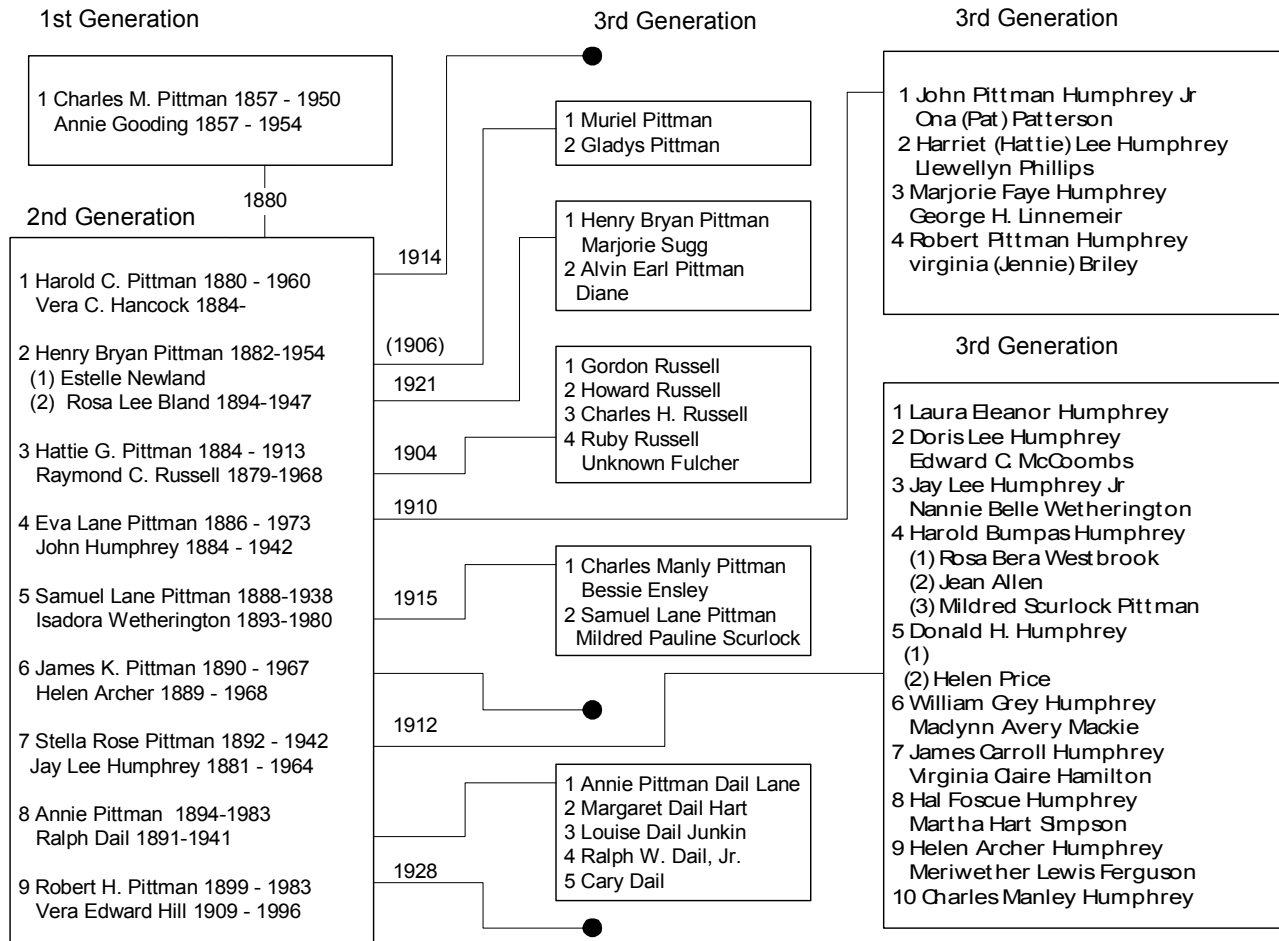
## Overview of Elijah V. Pittman Family



**Figure 68 Overview of Elijah V. Pittman Family**

*A chart of the large Elijah V. Pittman extended family (four generations) resided mostly in Lenoir, Pitt, Greene, and Craven Counties.*

## Overview of Charles M. Pittman Family



**Figure 69 Overview of Charles M. Pittman Family**

*The first generation descendants of Charles M. Pittman were born in Craven County. They migrated throughout the Craven area and lived mostly in Craven, Carteret, Lenoir, Greene, and Pitt counties of North Carolina.*



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**Endnotes      Chapter 11   The Elijah Vail Pittman Family**

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  - <sup>2</sup> Monograph on Joseph Pittman. 1942. Mrs. W. T. Purvis. Heritage Place (Library). Lenoir County.
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  - <sup>4</sup> Craven County Deed Book 2, page 634. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>7</sup> Craven County Wills. Book 5, Page 392. Joseph Pittman, 1747. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>8</sup> Monograph on Joseph Pittman. 1942. Purvis. Heritage Place Library. Lenoir County.
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## Chapter 12 The Simon Foscue Family

Haliburton Josephus Foscue, the husband of Clara Julia Humphrey, was descended from a large Foscue family from Jones County, NC. A long line of Foscues lived in Virginia, an eventually migrated to Hyde County, NC. Simon and Richard Foscue, two sons of a Hyde County Simon Foscue settled on the Trent River in what was then Craven County.<sup>1</sup>

**Simon Foscue** (1734 – 1814) was married three times. He married first, a widow, Sarah Sanderson Brock in 1759. Their children were:

- A. Stephen Foscue 1761 – (died young)
- B. Phoebe Foscue 1763 - (died young)
- C. Frederic Foscue 1766 – married Dorie Simmons in 1788.
  - 1. Benjamin Foscue – migrated to Alabama
  - 2. Augustus Foscue – migrated to Alabama
  - 3. Nathan Foscue m. Susan Hatch Oldfield
- D. Rachel Foscue

Simon married second, Nancy Mitchell (1749 – 1793) in 1779. Their children:

- A. Simon Foscue 1780 – 1830 m. Christiana Rhem in 1803.
- B. Dorcas Foscue (1782 – 1869) afflicted, never married
- C. Lewis Foscue (1784) never married
- D. Sarah Foscue (1787-1852) married Frederick Foy.

Simon married third, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson in 1800. Their children were:

- A. Stephen Foscue
- B. Susannah Foscue m. George Oldfield
- C. Betsey
- D. Amos Foscue m. Elizabeth Foscue

Simon Foscue's son, Simon (1780-1830) by his second marriage to Nancy Mitchell built the brick house (c. 1805) between Pollocksville and Rhems which still stands in 2002, a restored public historic site.

**Nathan Foscue**, Simon's son by his first marriage (see above), was the ancestor of Haliburton Foscue.

**Nathan Foscue** married **Susan Hatch Oldfield**. Their children were:

- 1. Josephine Foscue (1833 – 1884) m. Franklin Foy.
  - 2. Susan Caroline Foscue (1815-) m. E. Becton Isler.
  - 3. Cyrus Ytobide Foscue (1837-1910) m. Harriet Foy.
  - 4. Edgar Macon Foscue (1810 – 1890) m. Linda T. Wooten.
  - 5. Sarah Elvira Foscue 1842-1884) m. John W. Wooten.
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6. Josephus Nathan Foscue (1845 – 1914) m. Sarah E. Smith.

Nathan and his family above appear in the 1850 Jones County census.<sup>2</sup> Nathan was listed as a farmer living in the Beaver Dam District with an estate value of \$4,875 and the owner of 47 slaves.<sup>3</sup>

**The children of Nathan Foscue and Sarah E. Smith were:**

1. Julian Manly Foscue m. Sula Coston.
2. Augustus C. Foscue m. Kirtle Foy.
3. Haliburton Josephus Foscue (1881-1939) m. Clara J. Humphrey.
4. Lillian E. Foscue (1870-1956) never married.
5. Wilbur Foscue (1886-1969) never married.

*See Chapter 9, The Clara Julia Humphrey Foscue Family.*

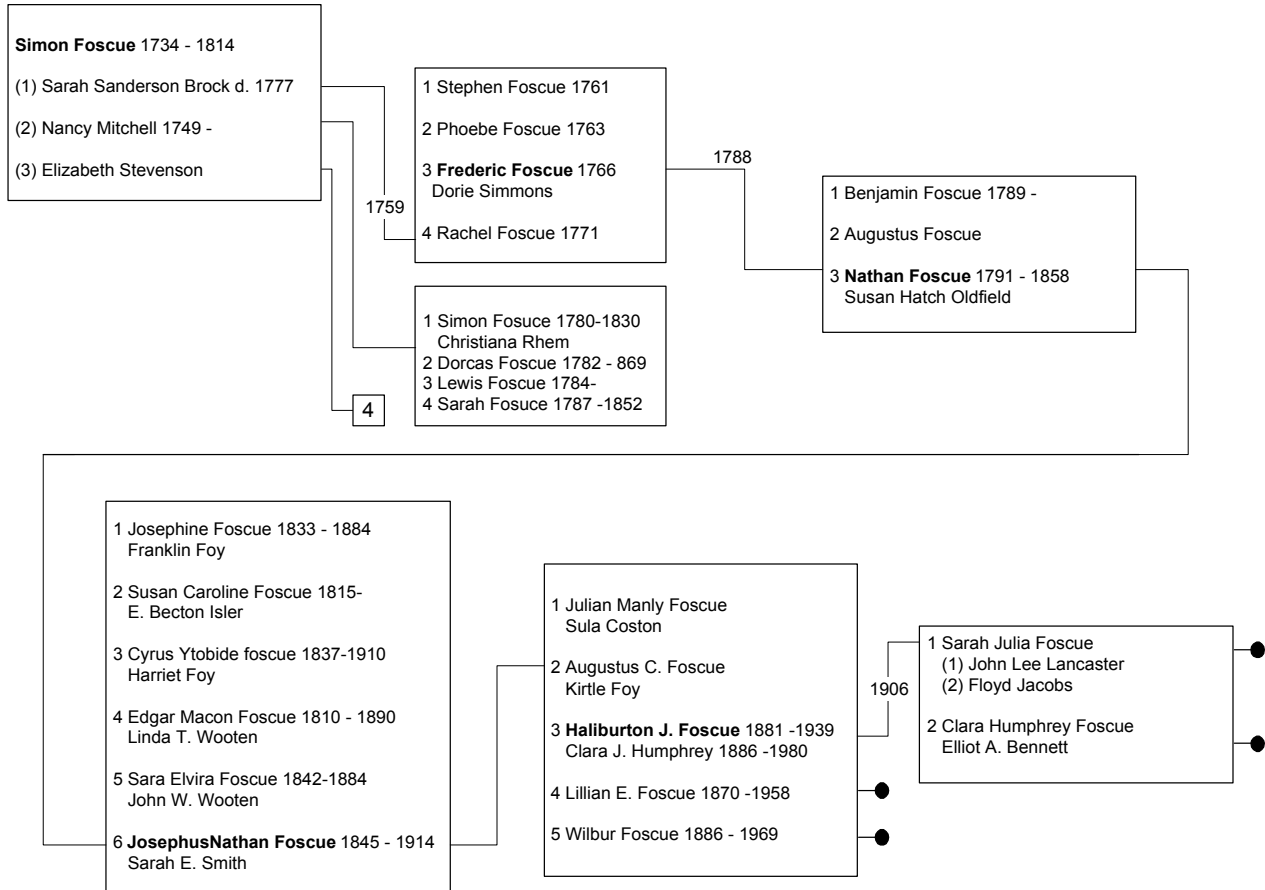
*See Appendix D, Excerpts from The History of Jones County.*



**Figure 70 The Simon Foscue House, 1804**

*Built by Simon Foscue's son Simon, the home has been restored and made a public historic site. Located on US Highway 17, 3 miles south of Pollocksville, North Carolina.*

## Overview of the Simon Foscue Family



**Figure 71 Overview of the Simon Foscue Family**

*Migrating from Virginia in the 1700s the Foscue family were prominent in the late 1700s and 1800s in Jones County.*

## Endnotes Chapter 12 The Simon Foscue Family

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## Chapter 13 The Francis Counsel Gooding Family

Francis Counsel Gooding was the father of Annie Gooding, and the grandfather of Eva Lane Pittman and Stella Rosa Pittman. The Gooding family resided in Jones and Craven County.

The Gooding family appears as early as 1752 in Craven County, with the will of Nathan Goodwin (Gooden). His son, Aaron Gooding died about 1787 and his will was probated in Jones County. Numerous Goodings lived in Jones County, however the line is obscure. Francis C. Gooding first appears conclusively in the 1850 Jones census, and migrated to Craven County shortly thereafter.<sup>1</sup>

**Francis C. Gooding** was born about 1815 and died before 1880.<sup>2,3</sup> He married Julia Lane on September 17, 1854 in Craven County.<sup>4</sup> Julia Lane was born on September 6, 1822 and died on January 2, 1895 in Craven County.<sup>5</sup> Julia was the daughter of Samuel P. Lane and Nancy Cox of Craven County.<sup>6</sup>

Francis C. Gooding appears in the 1850 Jones County census, in the Cypress Creek District in the household of Andrew Gooding, farmer, likely his older brother.<sup>7</sup> In the 1860 Craven census, Francis appears in Russell's District, occupation overseer, along with wife Julia Lane and two daughters, Hallie and Annie.<sup>8</sup> The family appears in the 1870 Craven census, in the 9<sup>th</sup> Township (renamed from Russell's).<sup>9</sup> The 1870 Craven census lists Francis as a farmer, with real estate of \$6,000. In the 1880 Craven census, his wife Julia Gooding, is listed as mother-in-law, apparently a widow, living in the household of daughter Annie, and son-in-law, Charles M. Pittman.<sup>10</sup>

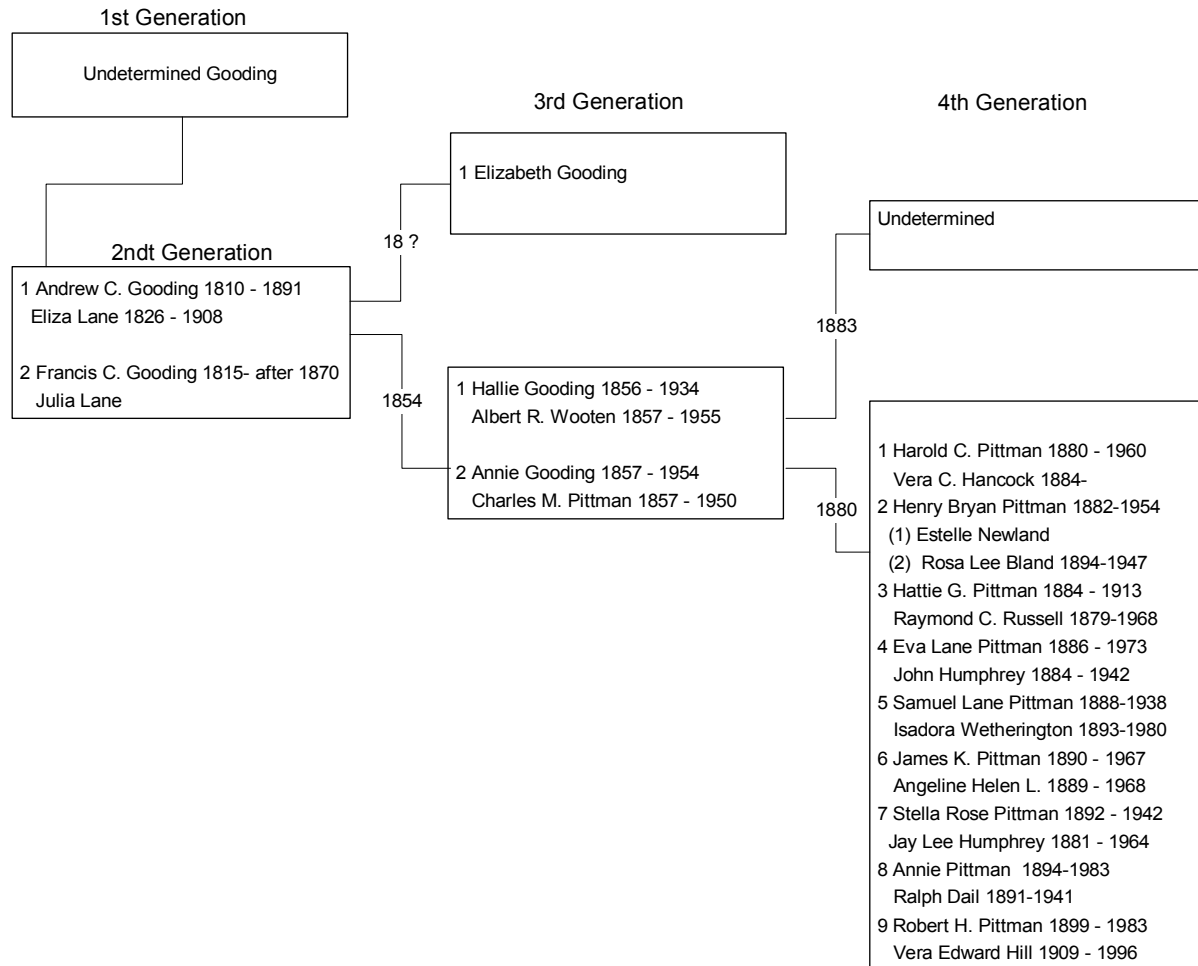
### The children of Francis C. Gooding and Julia Lane were:

- A. **Hallie Gooding** (1856 – 1934) Hallie married Albert R. Wooten on January 1, 1883 in Craven County. <sup>11</sup> Albert R. Wooten was born in 1857 and died in 1955. Hallie and Albert Wooten are buried in the Vanceboro Cemetery in Vanceboro, NC.<sup>12</sup>
- B. **Annie Gooding** (1857 – 1954) Annie was born on June 18, 1857 and died on December 5, 1954. <sup>13</sup>Annie married Charles M. Pittman on December 20, 1880 in Craven County at the residence of Julia Gooding.<sup>14</sup> Charles M. Pittman was born on May 11, 1857 in Lenoir County and died on November 20, 1950.<sup>15</sup> Their nine children were: Harold C. Pittman, Henry Bryan Pittman, Hattie G. Pittman, Eva Lane Pittman, Samuel Lane Pittman, James K. Pittman, Stella Rosa Pittman, Annie Pittman, and Robert H. Pittman.<sup>16</sup> Annie Gooding and Charles M. Pittman are buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, NC.<sup>17</sup>

*See Chapter 11 The Elijah Vail Pittman Family.*

**Andrew C. Gooding** was born in 1811 and died on December 12, 1891 in Craven County.<sup>18</sup> Andrew married Eliza Lane on July 24, 1861 in Craven County.<sup>19</sup> Eliza Lane, the daughter of Samuel P. Lane and Nancy Cox, was born in 1826 and died on August 10, 1908.<sup>20</sup> Andrew and Eliza appear in the 1870 Jones County census along with daughter Elizabeth (1863) in the Cypress Creek District.<sup>21</sup> Andrew and Eliza are buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery (Lot 850) in New Bern, NC.<sup>22</sup>

## Overview of Francis C. Gooding Family



**Figure 72 Overview of the Francis C. Gooding Family**

*First appearing in the Jones County 1850 census, the Gooding brothers migrated to Craven County and married two Lane sisters. A large number of Goodings lived in Jones and Craven County, and the link to these families has not been determined.*



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**Endnotes      Chapter 13   The Francis C. Gooding Family**

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## Chapter 14 The Daniel Lane Family

Walter Lane made a will in Craven County in 1742, leaving his lot #10 in Newberne to his son George Lane. George Lane's son was Daniel Lane.<sup>1</sup>

**Daniel Lane** married Sarah Pearson on October 29, 1782 in Craven County.<sup>2</sup> His will of 1834 names four children<sup>3</sup>:

- A. Spicer Lane 1795-1852
- B. Samuel P. Lane 1798 – 1855
- C. Edward B. Lane
- D. Winnefred Lane

**Spicer L. Lane** was born on October 11, 1795 and died on September 8, 1852.<sup>4</sup> He married Ada Wingate on February 14, 1821 in Craven County.<sup>5</sup> Ada was born on September 16, 1799 and died in January 31, 1851. Spicer and Ada Lane are buried in the Lane Cemetery on SR1400 near Lane's Chapel in the 1<sup>st</sup> Township.<sup>6</sup>

**Spicer and Ada Lane had six children:**

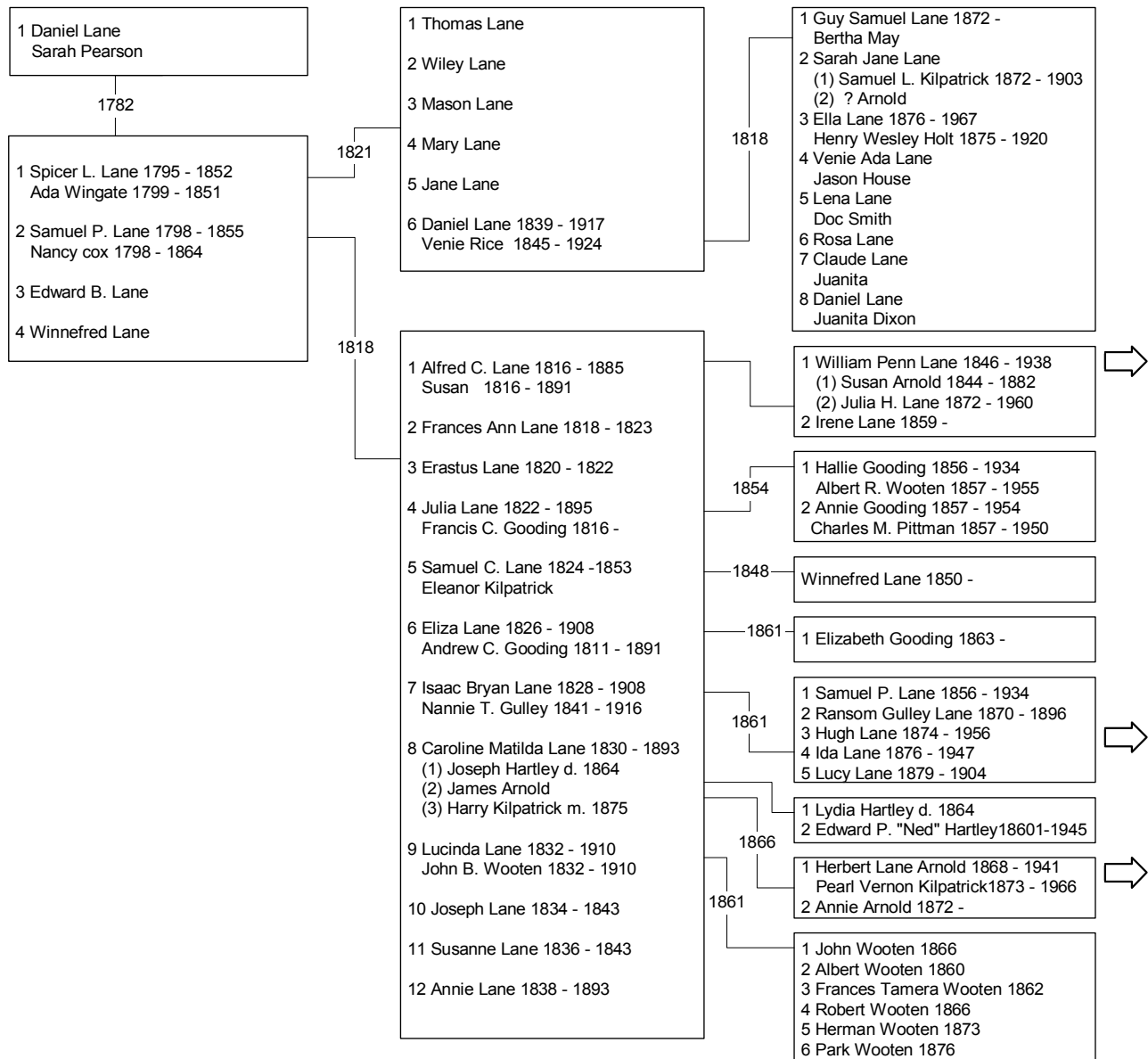
- 1. Thomas Lane
- 2. Wiley Lane
- 3. Mason Lane
- 4. Mary Lane
- 5. Jane Lane
- 6. Daniel Lane 1839 – 1917

**Samuel P. Lane** was born in 1791 and died in 1855.<sup>7</sup> He married Nancy Cox, daughter of William Cox (1752-1802). Nancy was born in 1798 and died in 1864 of diptheria in Clayton, NC.

**Samuel P. Lane and Nancy Cox had twelve children<sup>8</sup>:**

- 1. Alfred C. Lane 1816-1885
  - 2. Frances Ann Lane 1818-1823
  - 3. Erastus Lane 1820-1822
  - 4. Samuel C. Lane 1824-1853
  - 5. Eliza Lane 1826-1908
  - 6. Isaac Bryan Lane 1828-1908
  - 7. Caroline Matilda Lane 1830-1893
  - 8. Lucinda Lane 1832-1910
  - 9. Joseph Lane 1834-1843
  - 10. Susanne Lane 1836- 1843
  - 11. Anne Lane 1838-1893
  - 12. Julia Lane 1822-1895
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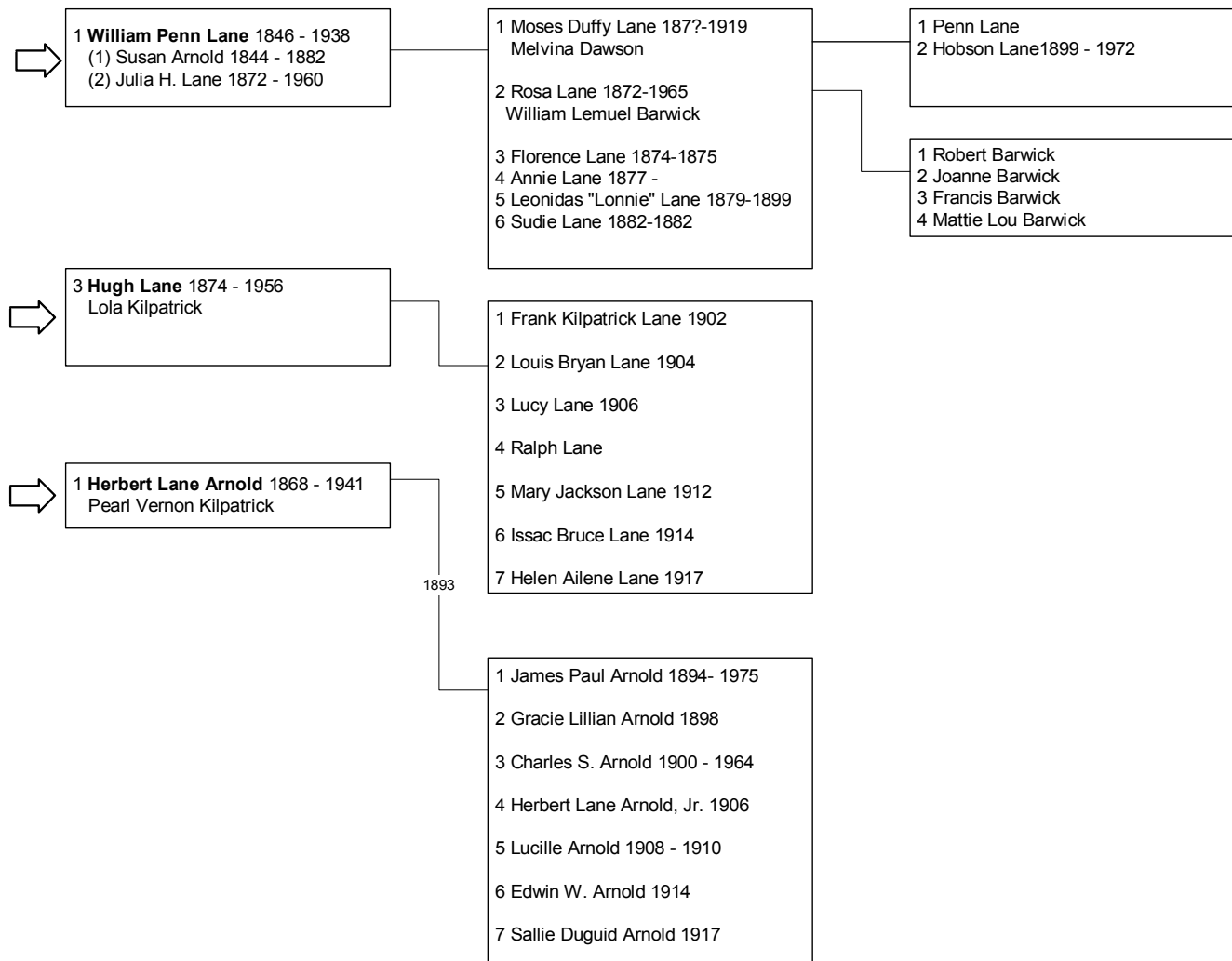
## Overview of Daniel Lane Family



**Figure 73 Overview of the Daniel Lane Family**

**Alfred C. Lane**, son of Samuel P. Lane, was born on December 5, 1816 and died on September 4, 1885 in Craven County.<sup>9</sup> Alfred and his wife Susan (1816-1891) are buried in the Ft. Barnwell Baptist Church Cemetery. Alfred C. Lane's son, **William Penn Lane** (1846-1938) married Susan Arnold in 1869.<sup>10</sup>

## The Extended Daniel Lane Family



**Figure 74 Extended Family of Daniel Lane**

**William Penn Lane and Susan Arnold had six children<sup>11</sup>:**

- 1 Moses Duffy Lane 1870-1919
- 2 Rosa Lane 1872-1965
- 3 Florence Lane 1874-1875
- 4 Annie Lane 1877 – c. 1960
- 5 Leonidas "Lonnie" Lane 1879-1899
- 6 Sudie Lane 1882-1882

*See Chapter 10, The Elisha Arnold Family.*

**Julia Lane**, daughter of Samuel P. Lane, was born on September 6, 1822 and died on January 2, 1895.<sup>12</sup> Julia Lane married Francis Counsel Gooding on September 16, 1854 in Craven County.<sup>13</sup> Julia and Francis Gooding had two children, Hallie and Annie Gooding.<sup>14</sup> Hallie Gooding married Albert Wooten in 1883 and Annie Gooding married Charles M. Pittman in 1880 in Craven County.<sup>15</sup>

*See Chapter 11, The Elijah Pittman Family*  
*See Chapter 13, The Frances Counsel Gooding Family*

**Caroline Matilda Lane**, daughter of Samuel P. Lane, was born in 1830 and died in 1893. Caroline M. Lane first married Joseph Hartley. During the Civil War, this family fled the area and resided in Clayton, NC. After contracting diphtheria, Joseph Hartley, daughter Lydia Hartley, and Caroline's mother, Nancy Cox Lane, died in 1864 and are buried in the Mt. Mariah Baptist Church Cemetery in Clayton, NC.<sup>16</sup>

After the Civil War, Caroline married (2<sup>nd</sup>) James Arnold in 1866 at Lane's Chapel.<sup>17</sup> In the 1870 Craven census, James and Caroline Arnold lived in the 9<sup>th</sup> township along with sons Herbert Lane Arnold and Edward P. (Ned) Hartley.<sup>18</sup>

James Arnold died in 1872 and Caroline married (3<sup>rd</sup>) Harry Kilpatrick on December 8, 1875 in Craven County.<sup>19</sup> Caroline and Harry Kilpatrick had no children by this marriage.

*See Chapter 10, The Elisha Arnold Family*

Many of the descendants of Daniel Lane continue to live in the Craven County area. *The Heritage of Craven County, Volume I*, has several articles on this branch of the Lane family.

## Endnotes Chapter 15 The Daniel Lane Family

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## Chapter 15 The John T. Lane Family

Another branch of the Lane family is associated with the Hickory Grove Plantation (now demolished) in the lower Core Creek area near Fort Barnwell, NC and Harris Landing on the south side of the Neuse River.<sup>1</sup> John T. Lane, Hardy B. Lane, and Mary Lane were the children of Frederick Lane and Elizabeth Bryan.<sup>2,3</sup> Their grandfather was Ephraim Lane.<sup>4</sup> Frederick married Elizabeth Bryan in Craven County in 1789 and later married Ann Green Allen in Craven County in 1795.<sup>5</sup>

The family of John Tunnel Lane is connected to the Harris family, both apparent residents of the area, as the Lane – Harris cemetery at Hickory Grove contains members of both families. The Neuse River landing is known as Harris Landing, and the road to the cemetery is known as Lane Farm Road (SR1480). The Elisha Arnold home and Hickory Grove are less than two miles apart. Also an unnamed lane exists running from the Arnold property to the Harris Landing area. Although not related via marriage, these Lanes and the Arnolds were neighbors and associates in community affairs.

**John Tunel Lane** married Julia Harris on August 15, 1818 in Craven County.<sup>6</sup> Several of their children are also buried in the Harris-Lane cemetery. John's wife, Julia Harris was born in 1804 and died on 1852 in Craven County.<sup>7</sup> Julia and other Harris family members are buried in the Harris-Lane cemetery on Lane Farm Road near Fort Barnwell, NC.



*Figure 75 Photo of Hickory Grove*

John T. Lane appears in the 1830 Craven County census. In the 1840 Craven census, John T. Lane is listed with 3 dependent males and 2 females of age 15 to 20. There is not a listing of suitable age for his wife Julia in 1840.<sup>8</sup> Also in 1850, Julia is not listed in the 1850 census, although her tombstone indicates she died in 1852.<sup>9</sup>

School records from 1841 to 1858 indicated John T. Lane was a Superintendent of Common Schools in Craven County in 1842. A relative, John Harris, was on the school committee for the local district (#3) in 1841. Elisha Arnold, a neighbor also submitted school lists to John T. Lane.<sup>10</sup>

In the 1860 Craven census, Captain John T. Lane is listed living in Russell's District along with sons John H. and William, daughters Ann and Jane, and son-in-law Johnson H. Bryan, husband of Jane and granddaughter Augustina Lane, daughter of John H. Lane.<sup>11</sup>

Records of John T. Lane disappear after 1860, his burial place is not known. His wife Julia Harris Lane (1804-1852) is buried in the Harris-Lane Cemetery at Hickory Grove.<sup>12</sup>

**The children of John T. Lane and Julia Harris were:**

A. **John H. Lane** (1821-) married Elizabeth Pearce on May 1, 1850 in Craven County. <sup>13</sup>The children of John H. Lane and Elizabeth Pearce were

1. Augustus Lane (1856-) <sup>14</sup>

B. **Jane B. Lane** (1823- 1867) married Johnson H. Bryan on February 23, 1849 in Craven County.<sup>15</sup> Jane B. Lane is buried in the Harris-Lane cemetery. <sup>16</sup> The children of Jane B. Lane and Johnson Bryan were<sup>17, 18</sup>:

1. John J. Bryan
2. Julia Bryan
3. Sallie Bryan
4. Joseph Bryan
5. Bettie Bryan 1854-1855
6. Mary L. Bryan

C. **Enoch H. Lane** (1831 – 1914) married Susan A. Bryan on January 8, 1857.<sup>19</sup> Susan Bryan was the sister of Johnson H. Bryan above. Enoch and Susan Lane are buried in the Harris-Lane cemetery.<sup>20</sup>

1. Elizabeth J. Lane 1858 - 1931
2. John J. Lane 1859 – 1920
3. Samuel C. Lane 1863 - 1921
4. Lawrence L. Lane 1868 -
5. Thomas R. Lane 1869 - 1912
6. Julia H. Lane 1872 - 1960

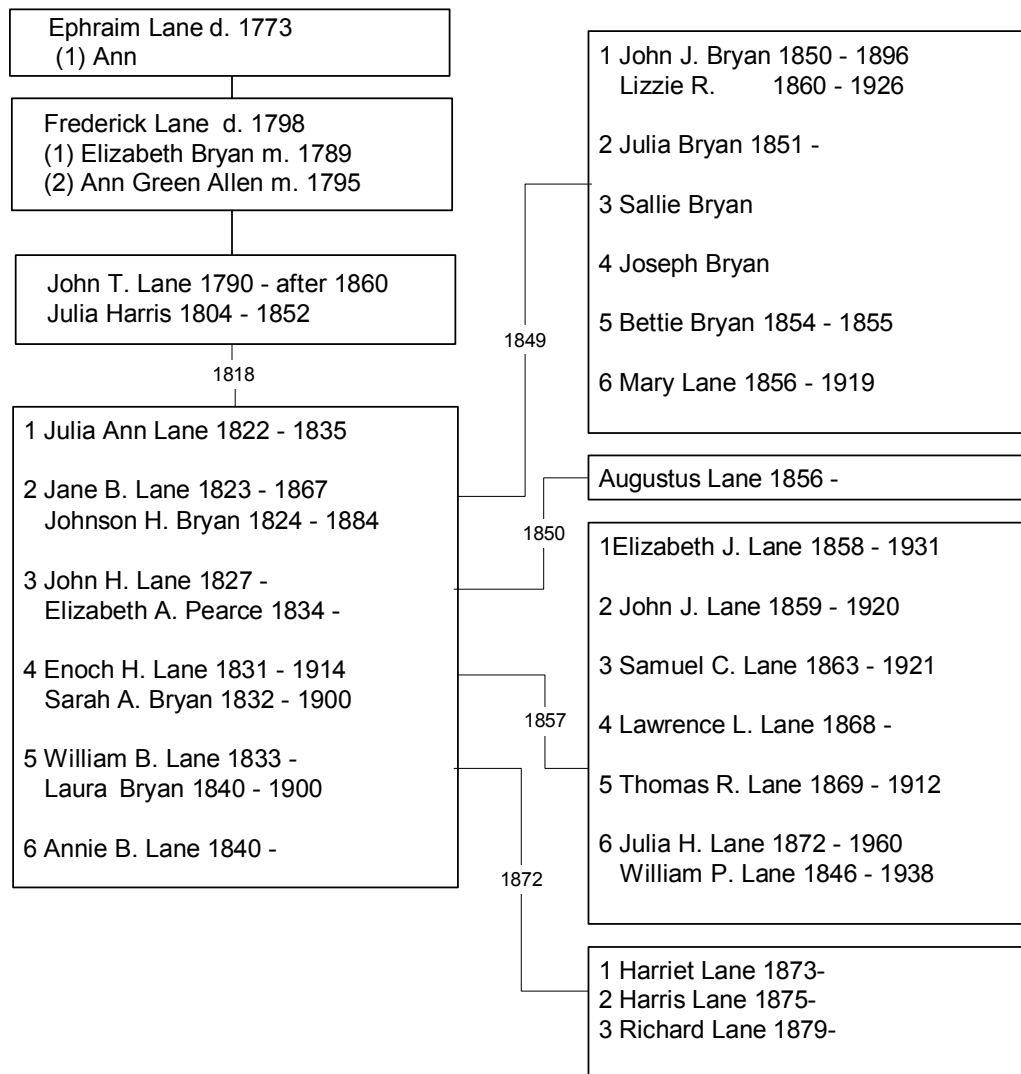
D. **William B. Lane** (1833 -) was a CSA veteran. William B. Lane is buried in the Harris-Lane cemetery.<sup>21</sup> He married Laura Bryan, daughter of William G. and Sallie A. Bryan on January 1, 1872 in Craven County.<sup>22</sup> Laura B. Lane is also buried in the Harris-Lane Cemetery.<sup>23</sup>

E. **Ann B. Lane** (1840-) <sup>24</sup>

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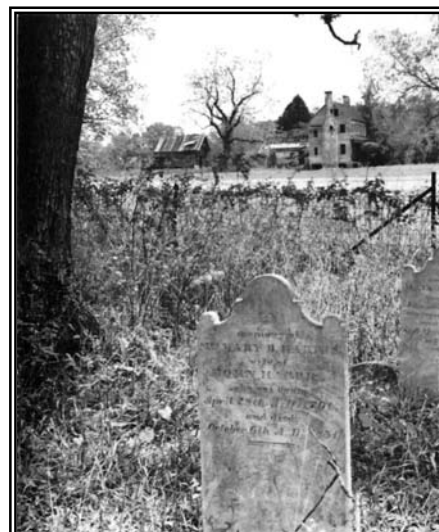
## Overview of John T. Lane Family



**Figure 76 Overview of John T. Lane Family**

The John T. Lane family resided on the south side of Core Creek near Harris Landing in Craven County. A wealthy, influential family of the area, the home was known as Hickory Grove. In 2002, only the old cemetery remains of the homestead.<sup>25</sup>

**Figure 77 View from Lane Cemetery at Hickory Grove**



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**Endnotes Chapter 15 The John T. Lane Family**

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<sup>1</sup> The Historic Architecture of New Bern and Craven County. Sandbeck. Craven County Library.

<sup>2</sup> Craven County Wills. Frederick Lane. 1798. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

<sup>3</sup> Craven County Marriage Index, 1780 – 1867. Craven County Library.

<sup>4</sup> Craven County Wills. Frederick Lane. 1798. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

<sup>5</sup> Craven County Marriage Index, 1780 – 1867. Craven County Library.

<sup>6</sup> Craven County Marriage Index, 1780 - 1867. Craven County Library.

<sup>7</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume II. Craven County Library.

<sup>8</sup> 1840 Craven County Census. Page 76. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

<sup>9</sup> 1850 Craven County Census. Page 328B. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

<sup>10</sup> 1841 Craven County School List. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

<sup>11</sup> 1860 Craven County Census. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

<sup>12</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume II. Craven County Library.

<sup>13</sup> Craven County Marriage Index, 1780-1867. Craven County Library.

<sup>14</sup> 1860 Craven County Census. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

<sup>15</sup> Craven County Marriage Index, 1780-1867. Craven County Library.

<sup>16</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume II. Craven County Library.

<sup>17</sup> 1860 Craven County Census. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

<sup>18</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume II. Craven County Library.

<sup>19</sup> Craven County Marriage Index, 1780-1867. Craven County Library.

<sup>20</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume II. Craven County Library.

<sup>21</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume II. Craven County Library.

<sup>22</sup> Craven County Marriage Register. Volume 1-7. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

<sup>23</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume II. Craven County Library.

<sup>24</sup> 1850 Craven County Census. Page 328B. Microfilm. Craven County Library.

<sup>25</sup> The Historic Architecture of New Bern and Craven County. Sandbeck. Craven County Library.

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## Chapter 16 The Johnson Bryan Family

**Johnson H. Bryan** was the son of Johnson H. Bryan, Sr and Elizabeth Bryan. The Bryan family lived in the Core Creek area of Craven County. The Bryan family cemetery is in the Wintergreen area near Cove City and in later years Johnson Bryan owned property in the lower Core Creek area near Hickory Grove.

**George Bryan**, in his will of 1815, leaves property to his four sons, Frederick, George, John, and Johnson Bryan, Sr. A daughter, Mosely is also named. Part of the George Bryan estate was land received after the death of his brother, Joseph Bryan.<sup>1</sup>

George Bryan also appears in the 1790 Craven census, listed with 4 males under 16, and 4 females in the household.<sup>2</sup>

**Figure 78**  
**George Bryan House**

*The George Bryan house circa 1810-1820 in the Third Township. Several turpentine kiln beds or 'tarkle beds' on the Bryan farm are evidence of turpentine production.*



**Johnson H. Bryan, Sr.** was born on February 14, 1788 and died on July 12, 1856 in Craven County.<sup>3</sup> Johnson married Elizabeth Bryan (maiden name Bryan) on October 14, 1817 in Craven County.<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth was born on April 10, 1789 and died on April 6, 1831 in Craven County.<sup>5</sup> Johnson and Elizabeth Bryan are buried in the Quinn Cemetery on Quinn Road near Wintergreen.

Johnson Bryan, Sr. appears in the 1820 Craven census listed with a male and 2 females in the household.<sup>6</sup> In the 1830 Craven census, Johnson is listed with 3 dependent males, 2 females and 26 slaves.<sup>7</sup> In 1840, Johnson is listed in the Craven census with two dependent males, and 1 female.<sup>8</sup> In the 1850 Craven Census, Johnson is listed as a farmer, his son Richard lives in the household, and Johnson was also the owner of 27 slaves.<sup>9</sup>

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Johnson Bryan, Sr died intestate in 1856 and his son, Johnson H. Bryan, was the executor of the estate. One inventory in the estate papers lists the following property<sup>10</sup>:

34 negroes	1 yoke of oxen	lot of sweet potatoes
21 head of cattle	set of blacksmith tools	bee hives
17 stacks of fodder	1 wagon	1 hand mill
8 geese	1 buggy and harness	farming utensils
6 horses	2 carts	40 shoats
1 mule	1 saddle	1 corn sheller
2 banks of slips	30 bushels of peas	43 fat hogs
125 barrels of corn	1 grind stone	4 sows and pigs
household furniture	kitchen furniture	

In the probate papers, the estate was valued at \$30,000. Receiving funds from the estate were: Sally Bryan Lane, wife of Enoch Lane, Elizabeth J. Pearce, Richard J. Bryan, and Johnson H. Bryan.

**The children of Johnson H. Bryan, Sr. and Elizabeth Bryan were: <sup>11</sup>**

**A. Richard J. Bryan**

**B. Sarah A. Bryan Lane**

**C. Elizabeth J. Pearce**

**D. Johnson H. Bryan**

A. **Richard J. Bryan** (1828-) appears in the 1850 Craven census in the household of his father, a widower.<sup>12</sup>

B. **Sarah A. Bryan** (1832- 1900) appears in the 1850 Craven census in the household of Elizabeth Pearce in New Bern.<sup>13</sup> Sarah A. Bryan was born on August 21, 1832 and died on July 4, 1900 in Craven County.<sup>14</sup> Sarah married Enoch H. Lane on January 9, 1857 in Craven County.<sup>15</sup> The children of Sarah and Enoch Lane were Elizabeth J., John J., Samuel C., Lawrence L., and Julia H. Lane.<sup>16</sup> Sarah and Enoch Lane are buried in the Harris-Lane cemetery near Fort Barnwell, NC.<sup>17</sup>

C. **Elizabeth J. Pearce** – no information.

D. **Johnson H. Bryan** (1824-1884) was born on May 27, 1824 and died on September 8, 1884 in Craven County.<sup>18</sup> He is listed in the 1840 Craven census in the headcount of the household of his father Johnson Bryan.<sup>19</sup> He appears by name, in an 1841 Craven County list of school children for District No. 3. John

Harris submitted this list to the school board. John Harris was a relative of John T. Lane by marriage and is also buried in the Lane-Harris Cemetery. In 1842, John T. Lane was superintendent of the school board, which maintained over 50 school districts in the county. Among the 52 children on the school list were: Johnson Bryan, Richard Bryan, George Bryan, William Humphrey, Jesse Humphrey, and Emma Williams.<sup>20</sup>

Johnson H. Bryan appears in Craven County court records in 1848, in the examination of an unwed mother, Drusilla Ann Humphrey. Johnson Bryan executed a bastardy bond with two bondsmen and an initial support payment of \$200 was paid. The unnamed male child was born on April 1, 1847 the case was litigated in 1848. The sex, birth date, and mother's maiden name correspond to a match for John Humphrey.<sup>21</sup>

Johnson H. Bryan appears again in Craven County court records in 1849 in a bastardy case for a female child born in 1848 involving Emeline Williams, a former schoolmate in 1841.<sup>22</sup>

Johnson Bryan married Jane B. Lane on January 23, 1849 in Craven County.<sup>23</sup> Jane B. Lane, the daughter of John T. Lane, was born on September 26, 1823 and died on June 5, 1867 in Craven County.<sup>24</sup>

*See Chapter 5, Drusilla Ann Humphrey.*


**The children of Johnson H. Bryan and Jane B. Lane were<sup>25, 26</sup> :**

1. John J. Bryan 1850-1896
2. Julia Bryan Rhem 1851-
3. Sallie Bryan (died in infancy)
4. Joseph Bryan (died in infancy)
5. Bettie Bryan 1854 -1855
6. Mary L. Bryan 1856 – 1919

Johnson Bryan, Jr purchased the Washington Hotel in New Bern in 1856.<sup>27</sup> An advertisement informing the public in the change of ownership appeared in the New Bern paper, *The Union* in July 1856.<sup>28</sup> The wealthy farmer turned politician and was elected as representative to the NC State Legislature in 1858.<sup>29</sup> A junior politician, he successfully obtained a charter for a bank in New Bern during his tenure in office.<sup>30</sup>

**Figure 80 Washington Hotel Advertisement, 1856**

**Washington Hotel.**



THE subscriber respectfully informs the numerous patrons of the above Hotel, that he has purchased the same and that he hopes a generous public will continue the support hitherto extended to the former Proprietor, Gen. Cutler. He hopes that a careful attention to the comfort of his

**GUESTS.**

will give ample satisfaction to the most fastidious.

**HIS TABLE**

Is now, and will be supplied with the choicest luxuries the market affords.

**HIS STABLES**

are under the management of a careful Hostler, and he feels safe in saying, that they are inferior to none in the State.

The whole Establishment is under his personal supervision. Travellers are requested to give him a call and see for themselves.

JOHNSON H. BRYAN,

Newbern, June 11th, 1856. 29 1y

In the 1860 Craven County census, Johnson Bryan and family are listed living in New Bern (at the Washington Hotel). Listed also were wife Jane, son John, and daughters Julia and Mary. Johnson's real estate is listed as \$7,000 and along with a personal estate of \$25,000.<sup>31</sup>

Sadly, there are no known photographs surviving of the Washington Hotel. One of the oldest known New Bern photographs, is an c. 1861 photo of the ruins of the Craven County court house which burned in 1861.<sup>32</sup> The courthouse was located in the middle of Broad Street at the intersection of Middle Street in the vicinity of the Washington Hotel. The photo of the ruins also shows the town market, located behind the courthouse. The hotel was to the right of the town market. Fortunately, the fire was contained and the Washington Hotel was undamaged.



***Figure 81 Ruins of the Craven County Courthouse, c. 1861***

In March 1862, invading Union forces from the east over the Trent River captured the town of New Bern. The town was largely undamaged, and many residents fled the advancing Union troops. In the retreat the Washington Hotel was burned.<sup>33</sup>

Johnson H. Bryan does not appear to have served in the Civil War. A John H. Bryan appears in the Craven County Roll of Honor, but this Bryan died in the war.<sup>34</sup> The Civil War seems to have ended his political career, as after the war Johnson's occupation is listed as farmer, living in the 9<sup>th</sup> township in 1870 and 1880.<sup>35</sup>

Like many of the residents of Craven County, Johnson Bryan and family likely became refugees elsewhere during the war. After the war, the family returned to the area and in 1867, Johnson's wife Jane Lane Bryan died and was buried in the Harris-Lane cemetery near Fort Barnwell.<sup>36</sup>

On May 6, 1868 Johnson Bryan was declared bankrupt by the Federal District Court.<sup>37</sup>

After the death of Jane, Johnson Bryan married Elizabeth J. Rhem on September 8, 1869 in Craven County.<sup>38</sup> Elizabeth J. Rhem, the daughter of Edward H. Rhem

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and Mary Rhem, was born on January 21, 1839 and died on April 24, 1900 and is buried in the Russell cemetery near Core Creek Landing and Fort Barnwell.<sup>39</sup>

**The children of Johnson H. Bryan and Elizabeth J. Rhem were:**

1. **Sarah Bryan** was born on March 11, 1876 and died on December 13, 1931. Sarah Bryan married Hilton Hartley and is buried in the Russell Cemetery.<sup>40</sup>
2. **George H. Bryan** was born on June 12, 1879 and died on June 12, 1920. George Bryan is buried in the Russell Cemetery.<sup>41</sup>

Johnson Bryan and wife Elizabeth are listed in the 1870 Craven census in the 9<sup>th</sup> Township. In the 1880 Craven census, Johnson and Elizabeth are listed along with daughters, Mary and Sarah and sons, John and George. In the household were John Bryan, a brother, and Bettie Bryan, the wife of son John J. Bryan.<sup>42</sup>

Johnson H. Bryan died intestate in 1881 and the estate was not settled until 1891. His daughter, Mary L. Bryan was the executor of the estate, and there was an apparent disagreement over the property. Johnson's second wife, Elizabeth, was granted some property in the settlement, but her minor children, Sarah and George, were made guardians of R. A. Russell. The estate papers also locate some of the property as being adjacent to Deep Bottom Branch and adjoining the property of Enoch H. Lane, Johnson's brother-in-law.<sup>43</sup>

Many of Johnson H. Bryan papers from (dated 1848-1882) are included in the collection of Charles Laban Abernethy in the Joyner Library at East Carolina University.<sup>44</sup>

Johnson H. Bryan is buried in the Quinn Cemetery near Wintergreen along with members of the Bryan family.<sup>45</sup> Johnson's 1<sup>st</sup> wife (Jane Lane) and family are buried in the Harris-Lane cemetery and Johnson's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife (Elizabeth) and family are buried in the Russell Cemetery.<sup>46</sup>

John J. Bryan, son by Jane B. Lane, married Lizzie Russell. John died about 1897 and left one child, Jane L. Bryan, with M. D. Lane as guardian. Mary L. Bryan, daughter by Jane B. Lane, never married. George H. Bryan, son by Elizabeth J. Rhem, married Sarah Rowe.<sup>47</sup>

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## Endnotes Chapter 16 The Johnson Bryan Family

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- <sup>1</sup> Craven County Wills. George Bryan 1815. Book C Page 109. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>4</sup> Craven County Marriage Index 1780-1867. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>17</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume II. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>18</sup> Ibid.
  - <sup>19</sup> 1840 Craven County Census. Page 82. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>20</sup> Craven County 1841 School List. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>21</sup> Craven County Bastardy Bonds. 1820 –1878. Folder 1858 – 1860. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>23</sup> Craven County Marriage Index 1780-1867. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>24</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume II. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>25</sup> Ibid.
  - <sup>26</sup> 1870 Craven County Census. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>27</sup> Craven County Deeds. 1858. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>28</sup> The Union. New Bern, NC. July 16, 1856. Page 3. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>29</sup> A History of New Bern and Craven County. Watson. 1987. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>30</sup> Ibid.
  - <sup>31</sup> 1860 Craven County Census. City of New Bern. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>32</sup> A New Bern Album. John Green III. 1985. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>33</sup> Ibid.
  - <sup>34</sup> The Heritage of Craven County. Volume I. 1984. Article L43. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>35</sup> Craven County Census 1870 and 1880. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>36</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume II. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>37</sup> C. L. Abernethy Collection. No. 98-2. Original Papers. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Joyner Library. ECU. Greenville, NC.
  - <sup>38</sup> Craven County Census 1870. 9<sup>th</sup> Township. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>39</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries. Volume II. Craven County Library.
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## Chapter 17 Consequences of the Civil War

The Craven area became embroiled in the Civil War in March 1862 with the attack on New Bern. U.S. troops landed near Havelock, NC and marched north towards New Bern, capturing installations along the Neuse and culminating in the Battle of New Bern in the Gratham area. Greatly outnumbered, the inexperienced local militia troops retreated through the Brice's Creek area and across the Trent River. Escaping along the route of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad toward Kinston and Goldsboro, the Confederate forces were also joined by a large group of civilian refugees fleeing Union occupation.

The town of New Bern escaped major damage with the exception of warehouse fires along the waterfront and the burning of the Washington Hotel on Broad Street. The waterfront fires are believed to be the result of artillery setting turpentine and cotton ablaze. The destruction of the Washington Hotel has been attributed to retreating Confederate forces.

With the local citizens' flight, many of the city's residences were occupied by Union troops. There are numerous photographs of New Bern during the war in John Green's book, *A New Bern Album*. The black population of New Bern was 2,891 at the start of the war. With the war, bands of contrabands (blacks) fleeing farms and their owners swelled the black population of New Bern to 10,782 by January 1865.<sup>1</sup>

Outside the military district of the town, the county became a no-man's land of Union patrols foraging, Confederate skirmishes, without civil authority. Legal transactions such as wills and deeds were suspended until after the war.

John Humphrey, a Russell's District resident in 1860, joined the Confederate army in September 1861, at the age of 14 1/2, declaring he was eighteen. He served the entire war in the Craven and Lenoir County area as a Private. See the roster below. John served initially in the 1<sup>st</sup> Artillery at Fort Lane, south of New Bern on the Neuse River. The fort was abandoned with attack on New Bern and John eventually was transferred to the infantry, 67<sup>th</sup> Regiment Co. B also known as Whitford's Partisan Rangers.

### A Selected Roster <sup>2, 3</sup>

#### *CONFEDERATE TROOPS*

**ARNOLD, ALLEN J.**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F.

Resided in Craven County where he enlisted at age 19, May 27, 1861, for the war. Killed at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 3, 1863.<sup>4</sup>

**ARNOLD, (ELISHA) FREEMAN**, 67<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company H.

**BRYAN, EDWARD K.**, 1st Lieutenant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Company I.

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Resided in Craven County and appointed 2nd Lieutenant to rank from May 16, 1861. Promoted to 1st Lieutenant to rank from October 20, 1862. Submitted his resignation on January 10, 1863, by reason of his having been appointed as Adjutant of the 31st Regiment N.C. Troops. Resignation officially accepted on January 22, 1863.<sup>5</sup>

**BRYAN, JAMES T.**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company I.

Born in Craven County where he resided as a seaman and enlisted at age 20, June 14, 1861, for the war. Wounded at Malvern Hill, Virginia, July 1, 1862, and died of wound on July 28, 1862.<sup>6</sup>

**BRYAN, JOHN H.**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company I.

Resided in Craven County where he enlisted at age 22, May 29, 1861, for the war. Present or accounted for until killed at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on December 13, 1862.<sup>7</sup>

**BRYAN, WILLIAM G., Jr.**, 1st Sergeant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company I.

Born in Craven County where he resided and enlisted at age 27, May 31, 1861, for the war, mustered in as 1st Sergeant. Wounded at Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 13, 1862, and died in hospital at Richmond, Virginia, March 6, 1863, of "pneumonia."<sup>8</sup>

**CLARK, HENRY J. B., Jr.**, 2nd Lieutenant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F.

Resided in Craven County and appointed 2nd Lieutenant at age 19 to rank from May 16, 1861. Present or accounted for until killed in a railroad accident on the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad near Forestville, N.C., October 28, 1862.<sup>9</sup>

**HUMPHREY, DANIEL E.**, Private, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, Company K.

Resided in Onslow County and enlisted in Northampton County at age 19, July 5, 1861, for the war. Captured at Chancellorsville, Virginia, and paroled on May 4, 1863. Present or accounted for until captured at Kelly's Ford, Virginia, November 7, 1863. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until paroled and sent to James River, Virginia, February 13, 1865, for exchange. Reported as present on a roll of a detachment of paroled and exchanged prisoners at Camp Lee, near Richmond, Virginia, dated February 18, 1865. Paroled at Goldsboro on May 6, 1865. "Came in for parole."<sup>10</sup>

**HUMPHREY, JOHN**, Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment (Artillery) Company I (1<sup>st</sup>).

Born in Craven County where he resided as a farmer and enlisted at age 18, September 27, 1861 for the war. Transferred to Company B, 1st Battalion N. C. Local Defense Troops (Whitford's Battalion N. C. Partisan Rangers) April 16, 1863.<sup>11</sup>

Private, 67<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company B.

Transferred from 1st Company I, 10th Regiment N.C. State Troops (1st Regiment N.C. Artillery) April 16, 1863. Present or accounted for until transferred to Company B, 67th Regiment N.C. Troops on January 18, 1864.<sup>12</sup>

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**HUMPHREY, JESSE**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F.

Resided in Craven County where he enlisted at age 23, May 27, 1861, for the war. Died in hospital at Fredericksburg, Virginia, August 28, 1861, of disease.<sup>13</sup>

**HUMPHREY, LOTT WILLIAMS**, Captain, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry, Company H.

Transferred from Company B of this regiment upon appointment as Captain to rank from May 15, 1862. Submitted his resignation October 13, 1862 by reason of ill health and resignation accepted December 10, 1862.<sup>14</sup>

**HUMPHREY, ROBERT W.**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company K.

Resided in Onslow County and enlisted in Craven County at age 21, June 21, 1861, for the war. Wounded and captured at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 3, 1863. Confined in hospital at Washington, D.C., until transferred to Old Capitol Prison, Washington, June 16, 1863. Paroled and sent to City Point, Virginia, June 25, 1863 for exchange. Exact date of exchange not reported. Present or accounted for until captured at Kelly's Ford, Virginia November 7, 1863. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until paroled and sent to James River, Virginia, February 13, 1865, for exchange. Reported as present on a roll of a detachment of paroled and exchanged prisoners at Camp Lee, near Richmond, Virginia, dated February 18, 1865. Paroled at Goldsboro on May 6, 1865. "Came in for parole."<sup>15</sup>

**HUMPHREY, WILLIAM J.**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F.

Enlisted in Craven County on May 27, 1861 for the war. May 1 - October 31, 1862. Muster roll states that he "died on march from Richmond to Culpeper."<sup>16</sup>

**LANE, DANIEL W.**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F.

**LANE, LEONIDAS**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company K.

Resided in Pitt County and enlisted in Craven County at age 18, June 3, 1861, for the war. Died in September. 1962.<sup>17</sup>

**LANE, WILLIAM**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company K.

Resided in Craven County and enlisted in Lenoir County at age 25, April 18, 1862, for the war. Present or accounted for until captured at Kelly's Ford. Virginia November 7. 1863. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until paroled and transferred for exchange at Aiken's Landing, Virginia, February 24. 1865.<sup>18</sup>

**LANE, WILLIAM B.**, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Company H.

**LANE, WILLIAM P.**, 67<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company H.

**TAYLOR, LOUIS G.**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Company F.

**WETHERINGTON, ABNER M.**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F.

Resided in Craven County where he enlisted at age 26, May 27, 1861, for the war. Present or accounted for until wounded at Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia, May 12, 1864. Captured at Core Creek, near New Bern, July 27, 1864. Confined at Fort Monroe, Virginia, until transferred to Point Lookout, Maryland, August 12, 1864. Transferred August 16, 1864, to Elmira, New York, where he remained until

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released after taking the Oath of Allegiance on June 3, 1865.<sup>19</sup>

**WETHERINGTON, George**, 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company I.

**WETHERINGTON, JAMES**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F.

Resided in Craven County where he enlisted at age 25, May 27, 1861, for the war. Wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 3, 1863. Reported as absent wounded through January 1864, and as absent without leave after that date.<sup>20</sup>

**WETHERINGTON, JAMES R.**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F.

Resided in Craven County where he enlisted at age 25, May 27, 1861, for the war. Died at Camp Potomac, Virginia, December 25, 1861, of disease.<sup>21</sup>

**WETHERINGTON, RUEL**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F.

Resided in Craven County where he enlisted at age 35, May 27, 1861, for the war. Discharged at Camp Advance, Northampton County, July 9, 1861, by reason of "physical disability."<sup>22</sup>

**WETHERINGTON, RODERICK S.**, 1st Lieutenant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F

Resided in Craven County and appointed 2nd Lieutenant at age 21 to rank from May 16, 1861. Wounded and captured at Sharpsburg, Maryland, September 17, 1862, and paroled. Died of wound September 20, 1862. Promoted to 1st Lieutenant on October 21, 1862, after his death.<sup>23</sup>

**WETHERINGTON, WILLIAM H.**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Company F.

Resided in Craven County where he enlisted at age 28, May 27, 1861, for the war. Wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 3, 1863, and reported as absent wounded through December, 1863.<sup>24</sup>

**WETHERINGTON, Willis**, 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company I.

**WHITE, BENJAMIN F.**, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company F.

Born in Jones County and resided in Craven County where he enlisted at age 19, May 27, 1861, for the war. Killed at South Mountain, Maryland, September 14, 1862.<sup>25</sup>

*For further CSA listings, see Appendix C, Craven County Roll of Honor.*

## **UNION TROOPS**

**WETHERINGTON, RILEY**, Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Company G.

Born in Craven County and enlisted October 18, 1862 at New Bern, at age 36. Died June 3, 1863 at home on furlough.<sup>26</sup>

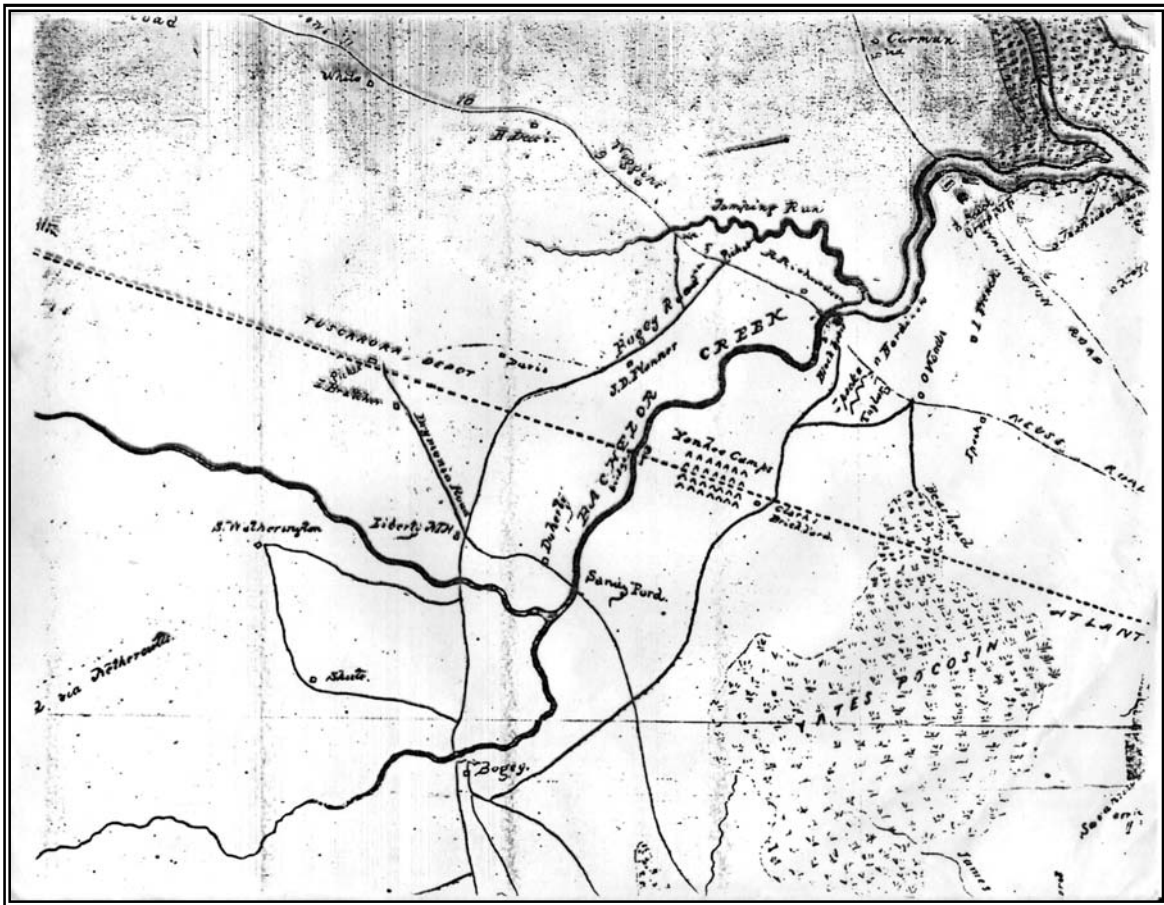
**WETHERINGTON, Ruel**, Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Company G.

Born in Craven County and enlisted on January 13, 1864 at age 35. Captured at Beech Grove, NC; paroled, admitted to hospital in Annapolis, MD April 1864 and transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> NC, February 27, 1865. (Formerly enlisted in CSA, see above).<sup>27</sup>

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The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad line between New Bern and Goldsboro became a vital military route. Federal forces occupied the east bank of Batchelor's Creek from Beech Grove (The Neuse Road) to Clark's Brickyard (A & NC RR). The brickyard at Clarks became a staging area for supplies for a large federal encampment at between Batchelor's Creek and Clarks. A series of earthworks on the east side of Batchelor's Creek still exists on both sides (north and south) of the railroad line.

A group of graves exists east of Batchelor's Creek and south of the railroad. These Union graves have been attributed to a large explosion, but are most like results of disease. No markers are known to have existed and these graves were likely relocated to the National Cemetery in New Bern.



**Figure 82 Guion Map, 1864**

Lt. Col. Guion's map is located in the Perkins Library Collection at Duke University. The area shown here is only the Batchelor's creek area of a larger map. Included on the map is the Yankee Camp on the Creek, Clark's brickyard, the home of Solomon Wetherington, the Bogey home, and the Liberty Meeting House in Tuscarora.<sup>28</sup>





**Figure 83 Union Graves, Bachelor Creek Area**

*Unmarked gravesites believed to have relocated to the National Cemetery in New Bern.<sup>29</sup>*

### **An Account of the Explosion at Clarks from the Whitford Papers.**

*Sometime after the fall of New Bern a barrel that had once contained whiskey with all the original markings on it and then supposed to be full to the bung hole, was sent on the train from the town to Clark's brick yard the first station west from New Bern. Instead of whiskey a torpedo was in the barrel intended to be put down in Batchelor's Creek to destroy Confederate boats. But that was a secret "and where the carcass is the eagles will gather," thus when the barrel was about to be landed on the platform a crowd was there to meet it, and when it struck the floor exploded killing nine persons about one half natives and the other soldiers, Miss Betsy Green, a grand daughter of the James Green, so frequently alluded to, and sister of the late Judge George Green of New Bern, said in the writers hearing she heard distinctly the explosion and soon thereafter, of the slaughter from persons passing her residence, which was then in the country at "Clear Spring." . . .<sup>30</sup> (Author's note: distance of 5 miles)*

### **An Account of a New Years Celebration at Batchelor's Creek**

*Soldiers eagerly anticipated holidays and the consequent variation in camp routine. New Year's usually passed quietly, though in 1864 and 1865, blacks began to recognize the occasion as the anniversary of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. According to one observer, New Bern Negroes turned out 'en masse' to hold a "grand celebration" of the Proclamation in 1865. In 1864, a*

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*New Year's party was enjoyed at the outpost on Batchelor's Creek. An elegant supper of fish, fowl, and beef was followed by puddings, pies, cakes, fruits, and nuts. Champagne corks popped and toasts followed. The gathering disbanded between one and two o'clock after rousing cheers were given the new year, the Union, and the army.*<sup>31</sup>

After the war, families returned and picked up the pieces, and struggled with the ruined economy. Family stories has John Humphrey walking home from Kinston, along the railroad, with only a silver dollar to shown for his efforts over 4 years of war.<sup>32</sup>

John Humphrey took the oath of allegiance in 1867, and is listed in the North Carolina Extant Voter Registration of 1867.<sup>33</sup>

Charles Pittman Humphrey and Donald H. Humphrey, Jr. have recovered many artifacts from the Bachelor Creek area. In Donald's possession is a boot pistol, reportedly owned by John Humphrey. Charles has collected a significant group of artifacts of the period including bullets, buckles, buttons, insignia, coins, and other items.

A silver Spanish coin, dated 1784, from the old Woodruff land, found by Charles in 2002, believed to be a lost Confederate item. Shown actual size, 28 mm.



**Figure 84** *Spanish Silver Coin, 1784*

Collecting Civil War memorabilia for many years, Charles P. Humphrey has amassed many artifacts and details of the history of the western Craven County during the Civil War period.

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**Endnotes                      Chapter 17                      Consequences of the Civil War**

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- <sup>1</sup> A History of New Bern and Crave County. Watson. 1987. Craven County Library.  
<sup>2</sup> The Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861 – 1865. Jones. 1996. Craven County Library.  
<sup>3</sup> Civil War NC Troops, 1861-1865. A Roster. Craven County Library.  
<sup>4</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>5</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>6</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>7</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>8</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>9</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>10</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>11</sup> Ibid. Volume 1.  
<sup>12</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>13</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>14</sup> Ibid. Volume 2.  
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<sup>18</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
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<sup>21</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>22</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>23</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>24</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>25</sup> Ibid. Volume 3.  
<sup>26</sup> North Carolina Union Volunteers.  
<sup>27</sup> Ibid.  
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<sup>29</sup> Located on Virginia H. Humphrey property. 2002.  
<sup>30</sup> *The Whitford Papers*. Colonel John D. Whitford. Page 300. Craven County Library.  
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<sup>32</sup> Family story related by Charles P. Humphrey. 2001.  
<sup>33</sup> North Carolina Extant Voters Registration of 1867. Wynne. 1992.
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## Chapter 18 The Brick Makers

Humphrey family tradition has John Humphrey and son Jay Lee Humphrey owning and operating a brickyard in Clarks, NC. This chapter gathers information on the early brickyards in the Craven County area.

Elijah Clark owned one of the earliest brick companies. A large abandoned clay pit identified in *The Whitford Papers*, was located in New Bern near Lawson's Creek.<sup>1</sup> Elijah Clark's daughter, Matilda D. Clark, married Henry J. B. Clark (not related) of Washington, NC on October 4, 1837 in Craven County.<sup>2</sup> Henry Clark also served as an officer in the Confederate army and saw action in the battle of New Bern. Henry and Matilda Clark are buried in the Cedar Grove cemetery in New Bern.<sup>3</sup>

Henry Clark supplied the brick for the First Baptist Church on Middle Street in New Bern in the 1840s.<sup>4</sup> At some point before 1860, the brick making operation was moved to an area west of New Bern where clay was suitable and obtainable. This area eventually became known as Clarks. One of the earliest known records is the Guion Map of 1864, showing Clark's brickyard, along the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, eight miles west of New Bern.<sup>5</sup>

In the 1850 Craven census Schedule 5, only Council B. Wood is listed as brick maker (location unknown), with an investment of \$2700, 81 cords of wood, and an unknown headcount he produced 25,000 bricks valued at \$1000.<sup>6</sup>

In 1850 Lenoir census Schedule 5 Lenoir, Joseph Bergman is listed as brick maker, with an investment of \$500, using 200 cords of wood and 2 employees to produce 200,000 brick valued at \$1800.<sup>7</sup>

In the 1860 Craven Census Schedule 5, H. J. B. Clark's brickyard is listed with a capital investment of \$5,000. The operation used 600 cords of wood for fuel and used steam and 15 horses for power. The yard employed 15 men and 5 women with an average monthly wage of \$10 for the men and \$5 for the women. It 1860 it produced 1200,000 bricks at a value of \$7,200.<sup>8</sup>

**Figure 85** *North State Brick Ad, 1862*

**NORTH STATE STEAM POWER  
DRAIN TILE & BRICK WORKS.**

SOLE TILE

HORSE SHOE TILE

ROUND TILE

**Newbern, N. C.**  
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING COMPLETED  
his arrangements for the manufacture of  
**Drain Tile,**  
equal in quality to those made elsewhere, which  
will be sold at prices equally low, solicits orders.  
TILE MACHINES put up to order, for use in the  
town of Newbern at LOW and MORE SUBSTAN-  
TIAL THAN IT WILL BE DONE NORTH.  
HENRY J. B. CLARK.  
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Henry J. B. Clark's brickyard in Clarks, the North State brickyard resumed operations in 1866 after the Civil War.<sup>9</sup>

*Figure 86 North State Brick Co. Ad, 1866*

**NORTH STATE  
BRICK YARD.**

**The Place to Look for the Anchor  
is where it was Lost!**

**T**HE North State Brick Yard is **in full** operation again, and parties can be supplied with punctuality.

Orders directed to or left with **Harens & Latham or Walter Clark, Newbern,** will receive prompt attention.

**HENRY B. J. CLARK**

**August 14—113-tf.**

In January 1867, E. R. Stanley offered a brickyard for sale.<sup>10</sup>

**FOR SALE,  
BRICK YARD AND LANDS.**

**I** OFFER FOR SALE a very Desirable Location for BRICK MAKING, Situated eight miles from  
**NEWBERN.**  
on the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.  
On it is a Comfortable Dwelling. It contains about 200 Acres, upon which a snug Farm can be made.  
**Price Low—Apply soon to**

E. R. STANLY.  
Newbern, N.C.

Nov. 29tf

*Figure 87 E. R. Stanley Ad, 1867*

**EDWARD R. STANLY.**  
**NOTE, BILL AND EXCHANGE BROKER,**  
*Corner of Pollok and Hancock Streets,*  
**NEWBERN, N. C.**

Also, General Collecting Agent in North Carolina.  
Bills of Exchange on all the Northern Cities. Notes current and uncurrent, and Gold and Silver coin bought and sold.

All collections or other business entrusted to his care will receive prompt and faithful attention.  
Exchange on hand at all times. Nov 3-d6m

*Figure 88 E. R. Stanley Ad, 1859*

In the 1870 Craven Census, there are no brickyards listed in the industrial schedules. A lumber concern, Abbott & Co., was listed in 1870.<sup>11</sup>

In 1876, Matilda D. Clark, widow of Henry J. B. Clark, settled an indenture with George Allen for \$3,553.37 by transferring several tracts of land to George Allen.<sup>12</sup>

Deed book 73 pages 601-602 are also referenced in the settlement and these pages also include a list of personal property conveyed to George Allen: <sup>13</sup>

*3 mules, 1 yoke of oxen, 4 cows and calves, 1 heifer, 2 yearlings, 1 cow, 2 carts, 3 horse carts, 2 pairs of wagon wheels, 8 plows, 1 harrow, 1 straw cutter, 1 cotton seed sower, 3 cart harnesses, 1 wagon harness, 6 pair plow braces and lines, 6 spades, 6 shovels, 6 axes, carpenter's tools, 12 hoes, 10 wheel barrows, 2 brick clay tempering wheels, one old steam boiler, a lot of machinery and shafting, 17 hogs, 1 pair mill stones, 1 horse, 1 pony, 100 barrels of corn, five . . .*

In 1878, John Humphrey purchased a tract of land from E. R. Stanley (agent for Henry and Matilda Clark). (See advertisement above). The boundaries were Batchelor's Creek, the Atlantic & NC railroad, land of the late John H. Richardson estate and land owned by Henry J. B. Clark. This deed indicates existing buildings on the tract, but does not mention a brickyard.<sup>14</sup> Henry J. B. Clark had died in 1873, prior to the purchase. Henry's widow, Matilda D. Clark died in 1888.<sup>15</sup> The existing evidence appears to reveal John purchased the land advertised by E. R. Stanley in 1867.

In the 1880 Craven census Schedule 5, George Allen & Co. a New Bern merchant, listed a brickyard in the 8<sup>th</sup> township. With \$3K invested, he employed up to 26 workers, 3 full-time, and produced 250,000 brick valued @ \$2K.<sup>16</sup> From the previous deed entries, it appears George Allen has taken over operation of the H. J. B. Clark brickyard, either at the original location or by re-establishing the equipment received from Matilda D. Clark.

In an 1896 North Carolina Directory, the population of Clarks is listed at 25 persons, and G. T. Eubanks was a magistrate of the 8<sup>th</sup> township, however not brick companies are listed in Craven County.<sup>17</sup>

In 1901, an advertisement for the Abbott and Jones Brick Co. appears in the New Bern Daily Journal, with the J. R. Parker Company as the agent. Elizabeth Abbott granted a deed to the Abbott and Jones Company in 1901. In 1902 Abbott and Jones granted a deed to the Kinston and Clarks Brick and Tile Company. In 1902 and 1902 the Kinston and Clarks Brick and Tile Company granted deeds to Amos T. Wetherington.

In the period of 1904 to 1908, John and Julia Humphrey sold several tracts of land to the Enterprise Brick and Tile Manufacturing Co.<sup>18</sup>

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In the 1904-05 New Bern City Directory, an advertisement appears for the Carolina Brick Company with an annual capacity of 15 million bricks. Locations were Kinston, Robersonville, Clarks, Hyman Siding. Their agent was the Hyman Supply Company located at 43 Craven Street in New Bern.<sup>19</sup>

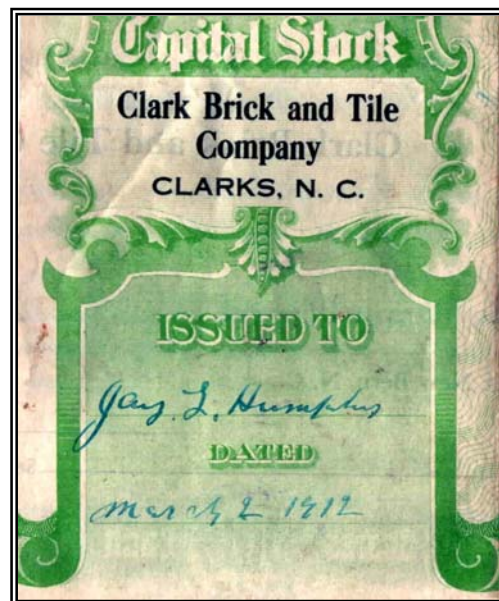
**Figure 89 Enterprise Brick Co.  
Advertisement, 1904**

In the 1906-07 New Bern City Directory, two brick companies are listed: the Enterprise Brick and Tile Manufacturing Company with offices at 65 Pollock Street, and the Carolina Brick Company with New Bern Building Supply as the agent located at 17 Craven Street.<sup>20</sup>

In the 1911-12 New Bern City Directory, the Clark Brick and Tile Company is listed with offices at 48 Hancock Street. The Enterprise Brick and Tile Manufacturing Company is listed with offices at 99 ½ Middle Street. A New Bern Brick Company is listed at 17 Craven Street.<sup>21</sup>

The Clark Brick and Tile Company was incorporated in 1911.<sup>22</sup> The president was a Mr. Joseph Gaskill and the Secretary Treasurer was Amos T. Wetherington. In March of 1912, one share of stock (\$100) was granted to Jay L. Humphrey. It is likely the Kinston and Clarks Brick and Tile Company became the Clarks Brick and Tile Company in 1911. The Clarks Brick and Tile Company suffered in the Depression and the last deed truncation for the Clark Brick Co. was in 1938, when a parcel of land was sold to Elizabeth Perry via foreclosure.

In the 1914-15 New Bern City Directory, the Enterprise Brick and Tile Manufacturing Company is listed with offices at 412 Elks Temple Bldg. A New Bern Brick Company is listed at 17 Craven Street.<sup>23</sup>



**Figure 90 Detail of Clark Brick & Tile Stock Certificate, 1912**

In the 1918-19 New Bern City Directory, there are no brick companies listed. The Enterprise Lumber Company is listed with offices at 412 Elks Temple Bldg. The agent for the Enterprise Brick Co. and Enterprise Lumber Co. was John W. Stewart, he died in 1919 and this brick company appears to have become defunct by the 1920s.

After 1920, the Stevenson Brick Company located at the Neuse Siding is the only brick company listing in the New Bern City Directories for 1920, 1926, and 1937.<sup>24</sup>

In Peter Sandbeck's book, *The Historic Architecture of New Bern and Craven County*, published in 1988, an article on Clark's appears on page 546. Much of the information on the brickyards was furnished by Robert Pittman during an interview in 1980 by Mr. Sandbeck:

*Now consisting of two twentieth-century brick stores and a half-dozen unpretentious one-and-two-story frame houses, Clarks was once the center of Craven County's brick making industry, active from the 1860s to the 1920s. The 1858 completion of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad's Goldsboro to Morehead City line brought rail transport potential through some of Craven County's best clay pits, which were located on both sides of Batchelor's Creek between present-day Clarks, Hymans, and Tuscarora.*

*A strong local tradition names the town after the brickyard started before 1860 by Col. H. J. B. Clark This contention is well supported by the Branson's Business Directories of the period: in 1869, H. J. B. Clark is listed under "Brick Making" at the New Bern post office; and again in 1872 under "Brick Making," this time at neighboring Tuscarora post office. Like many smaller communities in the county, Clarks did not get its post office until the 1890s, hence H.J.B. Clark's use of nearby post offices. The Jones and Abbott Brickyard operated here during the first decade of the twentieth century, succeeded by the Enterprise Brickyard operated by Tom Eubanks. Only a mile west of town is the site of Hyman's Brickyard, (authors note: Carolina Brick Co.) active from about 1920 to the 1950s.*

*The commercial district grew up around the crossing of the railroad and present SR 1225, where a small freight depot was located. It is dominated by a pair of two story commercial buildings, both built of local brick ca. 1910-1915 to house general merchandise stores. During the 1920s brickmaking activity shifted gradually to Hymans, leaving Clarks to survive as a tiny agricultural trading community.*

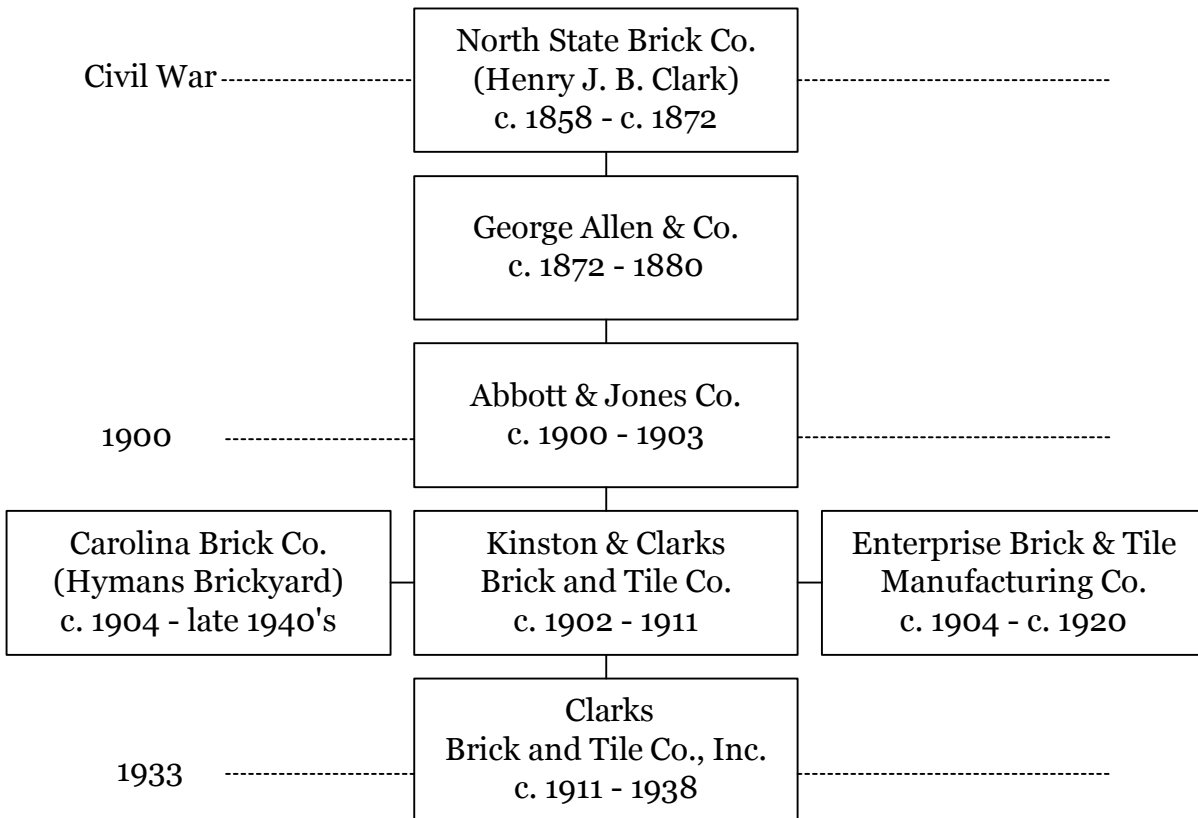
The brickyard referred to in the article above was actually the Abbott and Jones Co. brickyard. Deed transactions suggest it was absorbed by the Kinston and Clarks Brick and Tile Company after 1900. The Kinston and Clarks Brick and Tile Company appears to have become the Clarks Brick and Tile Company in 1911.

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In its heyday, Clarks supported three brickyards about 1905. The Carolina Brick Company, The Enterprise Brick and Tile Manufacturing Company, and the Kinston and Clarks Brick and Tile Company.

## A Timeline of Brick Yards in Clarks, NC



**Figure 91** *Timeline of Brick Yards in Clarks, NC*

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## Endnotes Chapter 18 The Brick Makers

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- <sup>1</sup> The Whitford Papers. Col. John D. Whitford. Page 291-292. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>2</sup> Craven County Marriage Index, 1780-1867. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>3</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume I. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>4</sup> The Whitford Papers. Col. John D. Whitford. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>5</sup> Perkins Library Collection. Lt. Col. Guion map, 1864. Duke University, Durham, NC.
  - <sup>6</sup> 1850 North Carolina Census. Craven County. Schedule 5. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>7</sup> 1850 North Carolina Census. Lenoir County. Schedule 5. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>8</sup> 1860 North Carolina Census. Craven County. Schedule 5. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
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  - <sup>10</sup> The New Bern Daily Commercial. January 1, 1867. Microfilm. Reel NbCoMd1. 1866. Craven Co. Library.
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  - <sup>12</sup> Craven County Deeds. Book 77, Page 561. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>13</sup> Craven County Deeds. Book 73, Page 601-602. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>14</sup> Craven County Deeds. Book 107 Page 130. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>15</sup> Craven County, NC Cemeteries, Volume I. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>16</sup> 1880 North Carolina Census. Craven County. Schedule 5. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>17</sup> 1893 North Carolina Directory. Branson's Directory Co. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>18</sup> Craven County Deeds. Bk 159 Pg 206. Bk 168 Pg 24. Book 173 Page 3. Microfilm. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>19</sup> 1914-15 New Bern City Directory. Hill's Directory Co. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>20</sup> 1904-5 New Bern City Directory. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>21</sup> 1911-12 New Bern City Directory. Hill's Directory Co. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>22</sup> Information on CB&T Stock Certificate. Original certificate in possession of the author.
  - <sup>23</sup> 1914-15 New Bern City Directory. Hill's Directory Co. Craven County Library.
  - <sup>24</sup> 1920, 1926, 1937 New Bern City Directories. Craven County Library.
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## Chapter 19 A History of Clarks

The community of Clarks in the 8<sup>th</sup> Township derives its name from Henry J. B. Clark's brickyard, located in the area prior to the Civil War. The brickyard was listed in the 1860 census and was located on the Guion map of 1864. The startup of this brickyard likely coincided with the completion of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad from Beaufort to Goldsboro, NC about 1858. Prior to the railroad there would have been no effective transportation for the community.

During the Civil War, Union forces built earthwork fortifications on the east side of Batchelor's Creek, on both sides of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. The Clark's brickyard area was used a depot for supplies for the fortifications and the large Yankee camp between the creek and the brickyard.<sup>1</sup>

One of the oldest homes in the area was the John Humphrey home located near the brickyard, purchased by John Humphrey in 1878 from E. R. Stanley, home originally a log structure. The house built prior to the Civil War, burned in 1966. Most of the other structures in the community date to the period after the war.<sup>2</sup>

Never a large community, the 1893 North Carolina directory lists a population of 25. About 1910-20, there were three stores in the community, George Stewart's general store, the Joe Register store (farm equipment) and the Abner Wetherington store (aka Craven Supply Co, farm equipment).

In 1883 John Humphrey was a Justice of the Peace, in 1893, a North Carolina directory lists G. T. Eubanks as a magistrate in the 8<sup>th</sup> township. Amos T. Wetherington was also a magistrate.

At one time the Post Office in Clarks was in the George R. Stewart store, later it was in the Stevenson home (formerly Joe Register Store) until the service was discontinued in 1962. The post masters for Clarks were:<sup>3</sup>

<i>Postmaster</i>	<i>Service Date</i>
George T. Eubanks	21 July 1892
Annie A. Taylor	15 April 1907
George R. Stewart	27 June 1910
Annie M. Stewart	4 March 1915
Goldie S. Morris, Acting	1 October 1940
Mattie M. Stevenson	19 Jul 1941
Discontinued	31 October 1962



**Figure 92 Clarks Post Office Cancellation**

The railroad serviced Clarks via a siding, but there was not a regular depot in Clarks, the freight depot for the area being Tuscarora. There was regular rail service for Clarks. The timetable at the right appeared the October 1897 New Bern Weekly Journal.<sup>4</sup>

Clarks was involved in brickmaking from the 1850s until the late 1940s. Starting the Henry J. B. Clark's brickyard, there was also the Jones and Abbott brickyard, the Enterprise Brick and Tile Manufacturing Company, the Clark Brick and Tile Company, and the Carolina Brick Company that operated in the area.

Also, at least two dairy farms were in the area in the early 1900s. John Humphrey and Kelley McKeel operated dairy farms in the community. John W. Humphrey took over the dairy operation from his father and later moved his dairy operation to the Beaufort, NC area.

A. & N. C. R. R.			
TIME TABLE NO. 2.			
Going East   SCHEDULE:		Going West	
No. 2	Passenger Trains	No. 4	
Lv. p m	STATIONS:	Ar. a m	
3 20.....	Goldsboro.....	11 25	
3 40.....	LaGrange.....	10 52	
4 12.....	Kinston.....	1 32	
5 15.....	Ar. New Bern, Lv.....	9 30	
5 25.....	Lv. " Ar.....	9 30	
6 37....	Ar. Morehead city Lv.....	8 07	
No. 1, †	STATIONS:	No. 2, *	
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9 28.....	Caswell.....	5 18	
9 53.....	Ar. Dover, Lv.....	5 00	
10 15.....	Lv. " Ar.....	4 20	
10 40.....	Core creek.....	4 00	
11 15.....	Tuscarora.....	3 38	
11 31.....	Clark's.....	2 20	
12 05.....	Ar. New Bern, Lv.....	2 50	
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2 12.....	Riverdale.....	10 12	
2 26.....	Croatan.....	10 09	
2 53.....	Havlock.....	9 40	
3 12.....	Newport, Lv.....	9 00	
3 25.....	Wildwood.....	8 27	
3 31.....	Atlantic.....	8 20	
3 47.....	Ar. Morehead city, Lv.....	8 20	
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S. L. DILL,			
Superintendent.			

**Figure 93 Atlantic & NC Railroad Schedule, 1897**

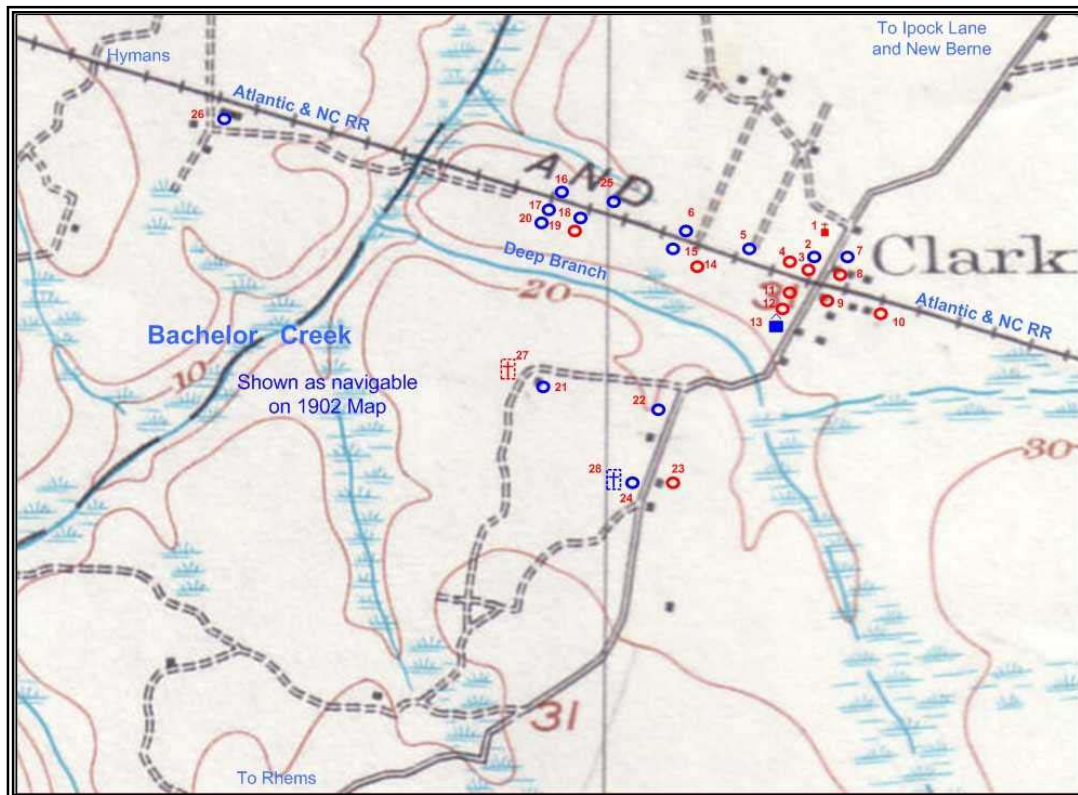
The Clarks Lumber Company operated two sawmill operations, one in Clarks and the other in Tuscarora on Rollover Creek. The Clark's operation was involved in finished millwork supplied on lumber from the rough mill in Tuscarora. The Clarks operation was run by Amos T. Wetherington, a Clark's resident, however the location of the mill is unknown.



**Figure 94 Clarks Lumber Co, 1913**

An advertisement in the 1911 New Bern Weekly Journal by James M. Register lists a millwork plant for sale in the upcoming town of Clarks. The ad also lists J. M. Register home for sale on a three acre lot with a young orchard of fruit trees.<sup>5</sup> This property may have been item 9 on the map, the home of Lehman and Florence Wetherington.

The following map locates homes and businesses existing in Clarks about 1910-1930.



**Figure 95** *Map of Clarks, circa 1920*

1. The **Clarks United Methodist Church** was established in 1905. Originally a one-store wooden structure, the original church was replaced in the 1970s. The old building was purchased by William G. Humphrey and moved to the Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. homeplace where it stands in 2002.
2. The **John and Delila Stewart** home, now demolished was a wooden structure. In the late 1930s, Jay Lee and Nannie Humphrey lived in this house.<sup>6</sup>
3. **The George R. Stewart General Store.** The store, once located between the Stewart home and the road, was relocated to the west side of the house. From 1910 to 1940 the local post office operated out of the store.<sup>7</sup>
4. The **George R. Stewart** home still stands in its original location, a two story frame home build in 1888.<sup>8</sup>



**Figure 96** *George Stewart Home and Stewart General Store*

5. A two-story house, facing the railroad, was the home of John W. Humphrey and later a Mr. Terry. The home was demolished in the 1960s.<sup>9</sup>
6. **Clark Brick and Tile Co. Office** was a one story brick building facing the railroad. The company was incorporated in 1911. Use was discontinued during the early 1930s and the building was demolished in the late 1960s when the city of New Bern placed a water pipeline through the property.
7. **Amos T. Wetherington** build a two-story home near the Abner Wetherington store (his uncle). A successful local businessman, the large home was also known as the Wetherington Hotel for the family's hospitality.<sup>10</sup>
8. **Abner Wetherington Store.** Built as the Craven Supply Company about 1910 by Abner Wetherington, the two story brick store was operated by Lehman Wetherington (son of Abner). After Lehman's death the store was sold to Howard Wethington and remains in the Wethington family as of 2002.
9. **Lehman Wetherington Home.** Built in 1888 and later owned by Lehman and Florence Wetherington, the two-story frame home still stands in 2002 and is currently owned by Ben Pitts, Jr.<sup>11</sup> County tax records name the property "Eubanks".

**Figure 97** *L. Wetherington Home and A. Wetherington Store*





- 10. Abner Roy and Lorena Wetherington Home.** A two-story frame house with several outbuildings. Sold and abandoned after the death of Rena Wetherington in the early 1980s, these abandoned buildings are now part of the Craven County Industrial Park. The John W. Humphrey family also lived in this home during about 1910-1920. County tax records refer to the property as “Humphrey Land”.<sup>12</sup>



*Figure 98 Abner Roy and Lena Wetherington Home*

- 11. Joseph Register Store.** Built by Joseph Register in 1880, the two story brick store was converted into a home. Mattie Moore Stevenson was postmistress 1941-1962 and a portion of the home was used for the local post office until 1962. Currently the home of Charlotte Mallard Stevenson, daughter-in-law of Mattie since 1944.<sup>13</sup>



*Figure 99 Joe Register Store, 1880*

- 12. Robert Pittman Home.** Reportedly built by Amos T. Wetherington in 1888. Robert and Vera Pittman home purchased the one story frame in the 1930s. Robert and Vera lived in the home for over fifty years.<sup>14</sup>



*Figure 100 Robert Pittman Home, 1888*



- 13. Clarks School.** A brick schoolhouse, unusual for the county, was converted to a home in the 1930s. It was demolished in the 1950s. Local brick used for the construction was salvaged and used for a new home built on the site in the 1970s by Mike Stevenson.
- 14. Charles M. Pittman Home.** Built in 1916 for Charles and Annie Pittman. The Pittmans lived in the home until the 1930s. Ben Pitts, Jr. later owned the home and the house was occupied until the 1970s by the Pitts family.<sup>15</sup>
- 15. Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. Home.** Built prior to the Civil War as a log structure, siding and several additions were added over the years. Purchased by John Humphrey in 1878, the home was later occupied by his son, Jay Lee Humphrey. Jay Lee Humphrey and family lived in the home until his death in 1964. The house burned in 1966 and the property was later used as pasture.
- 16. Hannah Chapman Home.** Located on property known as “Woodruff Land”. The house and property was owned by Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. and a small house on the site was rented to Hannah Chapman in 1920, the long-time black cook for Humphrey family. The house was demolished at a later unknown date.<sup>16</sup>
- 17. George Eubanks Store.** A general store was once at this site. Little else is known about the property.<sup>17</sup>
- 18. Enterprise Brick and Tile Manufacturing Company.** Owned by George T. Eubanks, this brickyard is listed in operation in 1904 – 1918. With the death of John W. Stewart, agent and Treasurer, advertisements for the company disappear from local papers and business directories. The operation likely ceased about 1919.<sup>18</sup>
- 19. George T. Eubanks Home.** This two story frame home, build in 1917, was the home of George T. Eubanks and family until his death in 1938. The home was later purchased by Charles Prevost and the home remains in the Prevost family in 2002.<sup>19</sup>



*Figure 101 George T. Eubanks House, 1917*

- 20. Tennant House.** Located on land owned by Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. The small one-story home was occupied by Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr and wife Nannie in the late 1930s. The home was demolished in the 1950s.<sup>20</sup>

**21. John Humphrey Home.**

The two-story frame home was build by John Humphrey most likely after 1900. Occupied by John Humphrey until his death in 1917 and the property was owned by Clara Humphrey Foscue until the late 1970s when it was acquired by William G. Humphrey. The home was partially restored in the 1970s, however it was destroyed by fire in the 1980s.



*Figure 102 John Humphrey Home*

- 22. John W. Humphrey Home.** John W. Humphrey once owned a one-store frame farmhouse on the site. The property was later purchased by Ben Pitts, Sr., and the home was demolished about 1970. The property is currently owned by The Wolf Timber Company.<sup>21</sup>

- 23. Kelley McKeel Farm.** Once a dairy farm, the bulk of the property was acquired for the US 70 Bypass and the home moved nearby. The McKeel home, a two-story frame house built in 1920 still stands in 2002.<sup>22</sup>



*Figure 103 McKeel Farm House*

- 24. Eubanks Homeplace.** Site of the homeplace of Redding and Rachel Eubanks, parents of George T. Eubanks. The building was demolished in the 1940s. A family graveyard still exists in the area.

**25. Woodruff House.** A house once stood on this property prior to 1920. In 1955 only the brick chimney remained. The chimney was demolished in the 1960s.

**26. Carolina Brick Company** was located at Hyman's south of the railroad. The operation closed in the late 1930s and the buildings were demolished by the 1960s.

**27. Humphrey Cemetery** located near the John Humphrey homesite on Deep Creek south of Clarks. Gravesites include John Humphrey, Julia Arnold Humphrey and Laura Eleanor Humphrey. Unmarked gravesites include Charles Manly Humphrey and an infant child of Robert and Vera Pittman.<sup>23</sup>



*Figure 104 Humphrey Cemetery, Clarks, NC*

**28. Eubanks Cemetery** located south of US 70 bypass on the west side of SR 1225 are a few gravesites attributed to the Eubanks family. The site has not been examined but is known by the author to exist.<sup>24</sup>

**29. John Roy Wetherington Home.** Located on the Wetherington Road, the home of John Roy and Elizabeth Riggs Wetherington was built in 1948.<sup>25</sup>

*Figure 105  
John R. Wetherington Home*



**30. Louis G. Taylor** gravesite is located in the Craven County Industrial Park south of the US 70 bypass. The solitary grave (1838-1919) of Louis G. Taylor is marked 'faithful soldier in civil war'.<sup>26</sup>

*Figure 106  
Louis G. Taylor Gravestone*



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**Endnotes Chapter 19 A History of Clarks**

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  - <sup>26</sup> On-site survey by A. Humphrey 2001.
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## Chapter 20 Articles from Area Papers

*(All items in chronological order).*

*From the New Bernian, January 23, 1844:*

*Died. In Onslow, on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., of Consumption, Mr. **Edgar Humphrey**, in the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of his age.*

*An advertisement from The Union, July 16, 1856:*

### **Washington Hotel.**

The subscriber respectfully informs the numerous patrons of the above Hotel that he has purchased the same and that he hopes a generous public will continue the support hitherto extended to the former Proprietor, Gen. Cutler. He hopes that a careful attention to the comfort of his

#### GUESTS

will give ample satisfaction to the most fastidious.

#### HIS TABLE

is now, and will be supplied with the choicest luxuries the market affords.

#### HIS STABLES

are under the management of a careful Hostler, and he feels safe in saying, that they are inferior to none in the State. The whole Establishment is under his personal supervision. Travelers are requested to give him a call and see for themselves.

Newbern, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1856.

**JOHNSON H. BRYAN**

*From The Daily Commercial (New Bern, NC) on December 13, 1866:*

### **North State Brick Yard**

The Place to look for the Anchor is where it was Lost!

The North State Brick Yard is in full operation again, and parties can be supplied with punctuality. Orders directed to or left with Havens & Latham or Walter Clark, Newbern, will receive prompt attention.

**Henry J. B. Clark**

*From the Kinston Journal, December 18, 1879:*

**Fleet Pittman (Philetus)**, moved to Kinston.

*From the Kinston Journal, January 10, 1879:*

Died: **Dan Pittman** son of Philetus Pittman of Snow Hill on 6 Jan.

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*From the New Bern Weekly Journal, March 2, 1895:*

Mr. **John Humphrey** of Clarks, is a lucky man on getting flour as special premiums. He was awarded two laurels at the fair, one was the special premium by Mr. J. K. Hackburn for the best home made molasses and the other by J. R. Parker, Jr., for the best display of corn. This is not the first exhibition either from which he has carried home a barrel of flour as a special premium. If we mistake not he made his beginning at the second Fair for the best hams.

*From the September 26, 1897 New Bern Daily Journal:*

Mr. John Humphrey, a very prosperous farmer of the Clark section, was in the city yesterday. (*John's oldest daughter, Laura died on September 25, 1897*).

*From the October 1, 1897 New Bern Weekly Journal:*

NOTICE! To the Members of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association, Craven and Pamlico Branch.

You are hereby notified to meet at the court house in New Berne on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, to transact business of importance pertaining to the association. The supervisors of the several townships are especially requested to attend.

**John Humphrey**  
President

New Bern, Sept 21, '97.

*From the October 1, 1897 New Bern Weekly Journal:*

**BELLAIR LETTER.**

Good Hay Crop/ A New Hall Nearly Finished.

September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Sickness has somewhat abated about here, though some chills and severe colds prevail yet.

Farmers are quite busy mowing hay and picking cotton. There is fine hay in our section and very fine weather for saving it. So the mules and horses ought to look well next winter.

A few pieces of ground have been stripped of hay by the army worm, the extent of such damage however is not great.

A very comfortable commodious hall is hearing completion at Beech Grove. The same is to be used for a school room, lecture room, debating hall, &c. When complete it will be an ornament to the vicinity, and a great improvement for all intellectual purposes.

Our community, thin as it is, has never had a building, except the church, where all could meet on special occasions and have comfortable room.

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*From the New Bern Weekly Journal, Tuesday, August 29, 1905:*

### **NEGRO MOORE ARRAIGNED**

#### **The Brutal Assailant of Mrs. George Eubanks Has Preliminary Hearing Before Justice Barrington**

John Moore, the negro who assaulted Mrs. George T. Eubanks with a meat axe at Clarks on Friday, and inflicting injuries from which she will always suffer, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace W. R. Barrington yesterday. The hearing was in the court house as Mr. Barrington's office was too small to accommodate all who wanted to hear the trial and the witnesses. The negro sat handcuffed in the court room and seemed as much impressed as a person of such a low order of intelligence could be with the seriousness of his offense. He is 20 or 22 years old, very black, a man of ordinary development and appeared to be a man who knew nothing more than to do the routine work which he had day by day.

Mr. H. E. Wetherington, a magistrate before whom an affidavit was made was the first witness in the case. He stated that as he was going to dinner he saw Moore standing on the platform of Eubanks store, it was not long after that he heard Mrs. Eubanks scream and he saw the negro run out of the door and go down the road. Mrs. Eubanks was in the road and she pointed to the man and said yonder goes the man who did the work. Her head was bleeding and her injuries seemed very bad. Mr. Will Phillips testified that he was sick and not at work on Friday. His home is opposite to the Eubanks store. He saw Moore come on the platform at half past eleven and in a little while saw him go into the store and pretty soon he heard a woman scream and saw the negro ran out of the store. He ran to the door and she was in the yard shouting. He asked her what the matter was and she said that nigger running down the road in the man that did the work.

Dr. N. H. Street stated he was summoned to attend the injuries of the woman, found wound on left temple, three inches long and varying in depth from one to one and one-half inches fracturing the bones that the instrument came in contact with. While he did not think the wound serious enough to be fatal, she would probably always suffer and would cause a deformity. He stated further that Moor was in the Eubanks store last Monday and saw Mr. Eubanks give her some money and it was told him that they believed he was after that. Moore came back Friday and appeared at the store two or three times.

W. I. Green, a colored man, a teamster employed at the brick yard said he drove past the store several times and saw the prisoner at the store. He positively identified the negro for he knew he was a stranger and thought he was looking for a job.

There were two others gave evidence which corroborated the testimony already noted and it all seemed to have the necessary convicting evidence of the negro's guilt.

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An affidavit made by Mrs. Eubanks stated how Moore had been in the store several times during the week and part of the time had acted in a suspicious manner. He had bought goods there in order to allay suspicion and was apparently watching for a good opportunity to make his demand and when he found her alone or he would kill her as she did not understand him she turned her head and he let fly with the axe. Moore made a statement in his own defense denying all that had been said and saying that he lived in Dover and that he was walking from the latter place to his work in a saw mill in the city. He did not stop in Clarks nor was he in the Eubanks store either on Friday or Monday.

He was cross questioned whether he knew a man named Hardy. He said he did not. The negro broke into Mr. Hardy's house Tuesday night and failing to find anything he wanted he broke the furniture, tableware, and strewn articles and caused a great litter in the house. He bunched his lies well but he could not make any impression in the face of the overwhelming evidence of his guilt.

Justice Barrington found probable cause to bind him over to court under \$300 bonds for appearance at next criminal court. He was subsequently put under \$200 bond for burglary.

Justice Barrington made some remarks commending the action of the men in preventing violence against Moore and thought it by far the better way to let the law take its course than to resort to mob violence and he deemed it wise to voice his appreciation of the neighbors regard for law, feeling, sure that the course of the law would be for the right.

The condition of Mrs. Eubanks was reported yesterday to be as comfortable as the circumstances, would allow. Dr. Street, the attending physician gives his opinion that unless some unforeseen development occurs she will get well but will always suffer from the wound.

### **Explanation, Clark Affair**

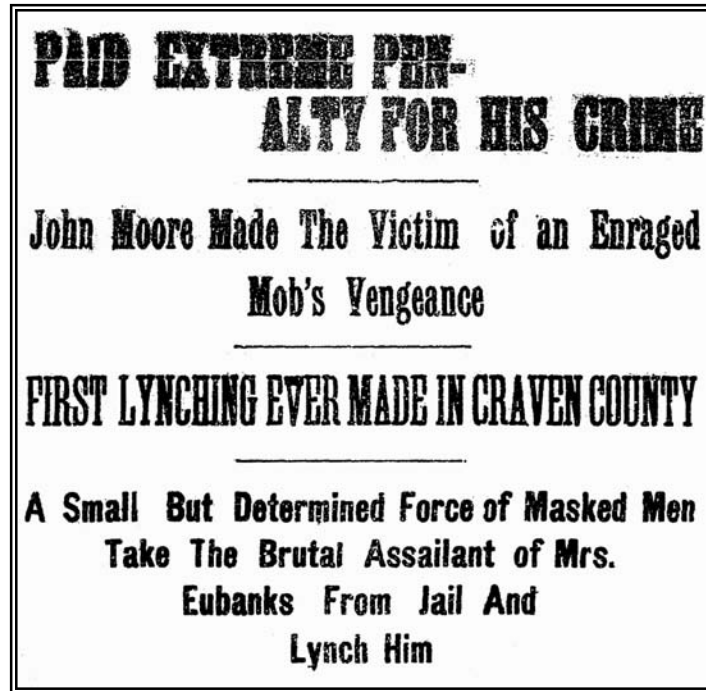
In the account of the brutal assault at Clarks, Friday, published in yesterday's paper, there was a slight error in the time given 11 o'clock. The attack was made at about 12:15, while nearly every one in the village was at dinner. There are several industrial enterprises at Clarks, which work a good many hands during the noon hour, the stores get more or less trade from the laborers. It is the custom of Mrs. Eubanks to attend to the store and post office, while others of her family are at dinner, which she was doing at the time the attack was made, the negro taking advantage of the occasion to make the assault.

Another error was the statement that Mr. Eubank's neighbors prevented him wreaking vengeance upon the negro. The fact was, Mr. Eubanks being frightfully wrought up over the outrage, like any other man of spirit and courage, wished to slay the brute at once, but was prevailed upon by his neighbors to let the law take its course.

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*From the New Bern Daily Journal, Tuesday, August 29, 1905:*

After the arraignment and incarceration, a mob accosted the sheriff and jailer, early Sunday morning, about 1:30 am. John Moore was dragged from the jail at gunpoint, carried off to the Neuse River Bridge and hung from the draw and shot 13 times. Several articles appear in the local papers, however the perpetrators were never identified or charged.



***Figure 107 First Lynching in Craven County, 1905***

At about 1:30 o'clock this morning a mob consisting of about one hundred masked men gathered at the jail, well armed, and at the point of revolvers and rifles the jailer turned over the keys.

The mob entered the jail and seized the negro, John Moore, who assaulted Mrs. George T. Eubanks, at Clarks, Friday, with a meat axe, inflicting injuries from which she will always suffer, dragging him roughly up Craven Street to the Neuse river bridge, where he was hanged to the bracings of the draw, and his body was riddled with bullets.

The sheriff appeared upon the scene and tried to persuade the mob to let the law take its course, but was held back by the point of revolvers, from approaching the jail. The thing was not expected, as the woman was not dead.

The fire alarm was sounded and the streets were soon filled with citizens, but too late to prevent the lynching. The coroner was called and viewed the body, giving permission to have the body removed.

After the lynching, a rumor was afloat that another prisoner in the jail would be taken and lynched, whereby the sheriff notified the commander of the Naval Reserves and asked for their assistance.

***A Wedding Announcement from a New Bern Newspaper, 1906:*****A Pretty Noon Wedding.**

The M E. Church at Clarks was the scene of a beautiful wedding Wednesday at 12 o'clock when Miss Clara Julia Humphrey and Mr. Haliburton Foscue plighted their troth, the ceremony having been performed by the pastor, Rev. George Webster.

Miss Hattie Carmen of Lima, attended by Mr. Macon Foscue, of Trenton, presided at the organ, and at the appointed hour the soft strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin filled the church, and the bridal party entered. First came Miss Bessie Carmen of Lima, first bridesmaid, attended by Mr. Bogey Richardson of Bellair, who was first groomsman, then Miss Lizette Hanff and Jay Humphrey, a brother of the bride, Miss Rosa Wooten and Mr. John Humphrey, also a brother of the bride; Miss Louise Dixon, who was maid of honor and Mr. Wilbur Foscue, best man preceded the bride and groom. While the ceremony was being performed, Hearts and Flowers was softly played. The words having been spoken making them man and wife, the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march filled the building and the bridal party retired in perfect order.

The bride wore a becoming gown of white lace over white taffeta, maid of honor looked very pretty in white aeolian silk. All the bridesmaids were beautifully attired in white organdies.

After the marriage the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's parents where a dinner was given, and to which a large number of friends were invited. The home was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns, and potted plants for the occasion. The presents received were many, and very handsome.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. John Humphrey and Clark's most attractive young lady. She has a host of friends in this community, who wish her much happiness. On Wednesday afternoon a brilliant reception was given to the bridal party at the beautiful home of the groom. The present home of Mr. and Mrs. Foscue is at Pollocksville.

The groom is the oldest son of Mr. C Foscue, is a very accomplished young man. having graduated from A. & M. College with high honors. He is now a very prosperous liveryman at Pollocksville.

A. E. W.

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*An advertisement from the January 23, 1911 New Bern Weekly Journal:*

**FOR SALE ! Register's Manufacturing Plant at Clarks, NC.**

I offer for sale a complete Manufacturing Plant for manufacturing Balusters, Columns, Stair Cases and Sash, Doors, etc., also my Dwelling which is situated on a three acre lot, with all necessary outbuildings, have a find garden and a young Orchard of fruit trees in fine condition.

Clarks is situated on the Atlantic & North Carolina R. R., now Norfolk-Southern, at the junction of the John L. Roper, Onslow and Duplin road, seven miles west of New Bern. Ten daily trains. Clarks is a coming town.

Address

**J. M. Register, Clarks, NC**

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal, February 2, 1912:*

Died, Sunday morning at heir home in Clarks, **Mrs. J. H. Humphrey**. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist Church Monday morning by Rev. J. M. Wright, and the interment made in the cemetery at that place. Mrs. Humphrey had a large number of friends in this city who will learn with regret of her death.

*Obituary from the New Bern Weekly Journal, dated January 13, 1917:*

Mr. J. Humphrey Dead at Clarks

Esteemed Citizen Passed Away At Early Hour This Morning

**Mr. John Humphrey**, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the county, this morning succumbed to an attack of pneumonia at his home near Clarks. The deceased, who had been ill for several days, was seventy-two years of age and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. The funeral service will be conducted from the Methodist church at that place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

*Obituary from the Sun Journal, dated January 14, 1917:*

Funeral of Late **Mr. John Humphrey**. Service to be Conducted from Methodist Church at Clarks This Afternoon. The funeral services over the remains of the mate Mr. John Humphrey, who died at his home in Clarks yesterday morning, will be conducted from the Methodist Church at that place at two o'clock and the interment will be made in the family burying ground. The deceased, who was seventy-two years of age, was stricken a few days ago with an attack of pneumonia and being advanced in years, he gradually grew worse until the end came. The deceased was one of Craven County's most esteemed citizens and his passing will be mourned by friends of the family throughout this section of the State.

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*Obituary from the Sun Journal, dated January 25, 1939:*

### **FOSCUE RITES HELD TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

Final rites for **H. J. Foscue**, rural mail carrier and prominent, resident of this city, who died Monday afternoon at his home on East Front Street, after a long illness, were held Tuesday afternoon from the home. Rev. C. B. Culbreth, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, conducted the funeral service and interment was in Cedar Grove cemetery. Pallbearers were Carl Bunting, Kenneth Jones, Elisha Bunting, William C. Moore, M. A. Morgan of, Raleigh, James S. Bryan, George H. Gurganus and John Haywood Jones. A native of Jones county, Mr. Foscue was the son of the late J. N. Foscue and Sara Elizabeth Smith Foscue. He was first appointed carrier November 1, 1915, and served in the Clarks Community until January 1919, when he was transferred to New Bern. He was well known throughout this section and was well liked and popular among his associates and friends. Becoming ill, he was given a leave of absence last September but never was able to return to work. He died at the age of 56. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Clara Humphrey Foscue; two daughters, Mrs. John L. Lancaster and Mrs. Elliott Bennett; two brothers, W. B. Foscue of Baltimore and J. Manley Foscue of Maysville, and a sister, Miss Lillian Foscue of Maysville.

*Obituary from the Beaufort News, dated April 22, 1942:*

### **J. W. HUMPHREY PASSES HERE**

Funeral Rites Held Tuesday From Late Home

**John William Humphrey**, 56, passed away around 7:30 Monday morning at his home on Front Street, following an illness of over six months. Funeral rites were conducted by Rev. W. S. Potter, Tuesday from the home at 3 p. m. and interment was in Ocean View cemetery. The deceased, who for 16 years operated a dairy farm just outside town moved to this city last May and has been located with his family at the Front street home since that time. Since moving to this section from Clarks where he formerly lived, he had made many friends who will mourn his death. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eva Pittman Humphrey and four children, Mrs. Llewellyn Phillips of Morehead City, Robert, Margie and Jack Humphrey, Beaufort, one grandchild, a sister, Mrs. Clara Foscue of New Bern and a brother, J. L. Humphrey of Clarks.

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*Obituary from the Sun Journal, dated July 24, 1942:*

**Mrs. Rose Humphrey Passes at Hospital**

**Mrs. Rose Pittman Humphrey**, age, 50, wife of Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. of Clarks, died at 2:20 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Luke's hospital after an illness of two weeks. Funeral service will be held at Clarks Methodist Church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Tew of Bridgeton. Interment will be in the Maplewood cemetery in Kinston. Mrs. Humphrey is survived by her husband, two daughters; Mrs. E. C. McCombs of New Bern and Miss Helen Humphrey of Clarks, six sons; J. L. Humphrey, Jr. of New Bern, Sgt. H. B. Humphrey of the United States Army, Donald H. Humphrey of Clarks, Cpl. William Humphrey of the United States army air corps, James C. Humphrey of New Bern and Hal Humphrey of Clarks; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Humphrey of Beaufort, and Mrs. Ralph Dail of Snow Hill; four brothers, H. C. Pittman and R. B. Pittman of Clarks, H. B. Pittman of Snow Hill, and J. K. Pittman of Washington, D.C.; and by two grandchildren.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal, February 17, 1970:*

**Mrs. Rosa W. Humphrey**. Farmville. Mrs. Rosa Westbrook Humphrey, 49, died Tuesday in Medical College, Richmond, Va. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. it the First Baptist Church At Farmville by Rev. Marion Lark, pastor, Assisted by Rev. Bruce Barrow. Interment will follow in the Forrest Hills Cemetery here. A member of the First Baptist Church, she was a life long resident of Farmville. Survivors are her husband, Postmaster H. B. Humphrey; her mother, Mrs., Lillie B. Westbrook of the home; one daughter, Beverly Humphrey of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Harry May and Mrs. John Andrews, both of Farmville; one brother, C. T. Westbrook of Kinston.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal, April 11, 1970:*

**Norman Cecil Humphrey**, 51, of the Tuscarora Community, died today as the result of injuries resulting from a train accident. He is survived by two brothers, Paxton Humphrey of New Bern and Wallace Humphrey of Toxaway; one sister; Mrs. William Weatherington of Chesapeake, Va.; a half sister; Mrs. Donald Booth of Cove City, and a half brother, Franklin E. Weatherington of Ayden. Graveside services will-be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, at Pate Cemetery, near Jasper. Rev. Milan Boyd will conduct the services.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal, June 8, 1970:*

**Samuel L. Pittman, Jr.** Funeral Services for Samuel L. Pittman, Jr., 45, of 3011 Neuse River Drive, who died suddenly Saturday afternoon, were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church of which he was a member, by his pastor, Rev. Robert L. Hare, Jr. Interment followed in Greenleaf Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Joe Lewis, Fuller Saulter, Lester Coburn, Eliza Smith, Alvia Herren and Henry Davis. Pittman was employed as a

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civil service worker in the management and Assistance's Office at Cherry Point. He was an Elder in the Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church, teacher of the Young Adult Sunday School class, member of Doric Lodge 588, New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, Sudan Temple and served in the Navy in World War II. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mildred Scurlock Pittman; a daughter, Mrs. Ronald Gore of Fort Royal, Virginia; two sons, Samuel L. III and Larry G. Pittman of the home, his mother, Mrs. Isa Wetherington Pittman of Route 4, New Bern; a sister, Mrs. Ross Simpson of Morehead City; and a brother, Charles M. Pittman of Route 4, New Bern.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal October 27, 1970:*

GRIFTON--Funeral services for **Walter D. Pittman**, 59, who died Sunday, brother of Charles Pittman of New Bern, will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Farmer Home in Chapel by Rev. William P. Barrett with interment in St. John's Church Cemetery.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal January 19, 1972:*

**Mrs. Julia F. Jacobs** Funeral services of Mrs. Julia Foscue Jacobs of 606 East Front Street were held Sunday afternoon in Cotton Funeral Chapel with Rev. James Miller, Jr., pastor of Centenary United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was held in Cedar Grove Cemetery. She was the daughter of Mrs. Hal J. Foscue of 608 East Front Street and the late Mr. Foscue. Survivors are her mother; a sister, Mrs. Elliott A. Bennett of New Bern; three stepsons, Capt. Tom Jacobs of Coral Gables, Fla., David Jacobs of Raleigh, and Ralph Jacob of Lynchburg, Va.; and six grand children. Mrs. Jacobs was a member of Centenary Church and Wesleyan Service Guild of the church; a charter member of the Pilot Club of New Bern and its first treasurer and a retired employee of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. She attended Peace College, Raleigh. Pallbearers were Hal F. Humphrey, Edward C. McCombs, Dr. W. L. Hammond, Ralph Morgan of Smithfield, Tom Foscue of Maysville and J. M. Foscue of Pollocksville.

*Obituary from The Carteret County News Times, June 18, 1973:*

**Mrs. Eva Pittman Humphrey**, 87, Beaufort, died Friday in Harbor View Nursing home, Morehead City. The funeral service was Saturday at 3 p.m. in Ann Street United Methodist Church, with the Rev. R. L. Nicks, Pastor, officiating. Burial was in Ocean View Cemetery.

Mrs. Humphrey is survived by two sons, Jack P. Humphrey, Elm City, and Robert P. Humphrey, Beaufort; two daughters, Mrs. Llewellyn Phillips, Morehead City, and Mrs. George Linnemeier, Culver, Ind.; a brother, Robert B. Pittman, Clarks; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Dail, Snow Hill; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal April 3, 1978:*

GREENVILLE --- **Mrs. Lucy W. Humphrey**, 96, died Saturday. Funeral was 2 p.m. today at Wilkerson Funeral Home Chapel with interment in New Bern Memorial Cemetery. Survivors are: three daughters, Mrs. Frank Williams and Mrs. Robert Blandford of New Bern and Mrs. Kenneth Mercer of Greenville; a son, Glen .W. Humphrey of Grifton; a stepdaughter; Mrs. W.C. Sutton of New Bern; nine grandchildren ; and 10 great-grandchildren.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal January 18, 1980:*

**Isa W. Pittman**, 86, of 404 Hoke Street. New Bern, died Thursday at Craven County Hospital. Funeral will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Gary Howell officiating. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston. She is survived by her son, Charles M. Pittman of New Bern; her daughter Ethel Joyce Simpson of Morehead City; her brother, Clarence Wetherington of Kinston; two sisters, Ethel Pinnix of New Bern and Lissette Kennedy of Kinston; five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. The family will receive friends at the home, 404 Hoke St. She was a member of D.A.R., Craven County Home Extension club, Neuse Forest Garden Club and had a life membership in Women of the Church. Arrangements were made by Cotton Funeral Home.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal July 25, 1980:*

**Clara Humphrey Foscue**, 94, Widow of Hal J. Foscue of 606 East Front St., New Bern, died Thursday at Craven County Hospital. Funeral will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Cotten Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Norwood Jones officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Grove cemetery. She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Elliott (Clara F.) Bennett of New Bern. Mrs. Foscue was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal January 5, 1981:*

**Samuel Elliott Pittman**, 89, of Highland Ave, New Bern, died Sunday at Craven County Hospital. Funeral will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Highland Park Church with the Rev. Preston Parsons and Rev. Harry R. Kahn officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Grove cemetery with Masonic Rites by Doric Lodge 568. He is survived by. His daughter, Evelyn P. Watson of New Bern; his sister, Mrs. James B. Cole, Sr. of Durham; three grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. The family will receive friends at the home of his daughter, 1206 Highland Ave.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal July 29, 1981:*

KINSTON- **Nettie White Humphrey**, 62, died this morning at Lenoir Memorial Hospital. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Parrott Funeral home Chapel with the Rev. John Long officiating. Burial will be at the West view Cemetery. Surviving are her widower, Wilson Humphrey; three daughters, Carolyn Sutton Of Kinston, Linda Washburn of Durham and Debora Humphrey

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of Chapel Hill; four brothers, Lawrence White of New Bern, Lester White of Dover, and Felton and Clayton White, both of Kinston, and, two grandchildren. The family requests that memorials be made to the Lenoir-County Heart Fund or other charities. The family will receive friends from 7:30 to 9 Thursday night at the funeral home.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal October 27, 1981:*

**James Carroll Humphrey**, 56, of New Bern, died Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church with Rev. Norwood Jones and Rev. Ernest Porter officiating. Burial will be in New Bern Memorial Cemetery with Masonic Rites by St. Johns Lodge. He was a charter member of the New Bern Babe Ruth League, former president, and former director of District 5 North Carolina Babe Ruth League.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal June 2, 1983:*

JACKSONVILLE -- **Edward Charles McCombs**, 68, died Wednesday. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Friday at New Bern National Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Doris Humphrey, McCombs; three daughters, Doris Lamb of Jacksonville, Linda Boese of Santa Anna, CA, and Kathy Grady of McPherson, Kansas; two brothers, George McCombs of North, Ridge, CA and Charles McCombs of Detroit, IL, his sister, Delores Shultz of Westland, MI; his mother, Mrs. Charles McCombs of Mt. Clemens, Mich. The family will receive friends at Jones Funeral Home, Jacksonville from 7 to 9 tonight. In lieu of flowers, donations maybe made 'to Chapter 16 DAV of Jacksonville. He was a master sergeant, United States Marine Corp, retired.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal October 28, 1983:*

**Robert Belo Pittman**, 84, Route 3 Box 131, New Bern, died Thursday night. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Clarks Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Stanley and the Rev. Gene Connors officiating. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Kinston. He is survived by his widow, Vera Hill Pittman and several nephews and nieces. The family will receive friends at Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday and other times at the home in the Clarks community.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal August 4, 1984:*

**Elliott Ardrey Bennett**, 77, of 608 East Front Street, died Friday at Craven County Hospital. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. at Cedar Grove Extension Cemetery with the Rev. Roger Elliott officiating. He is survived by his widow, Clara Foscoe Bennett; his brother, Dr. John B. Bennett of Black Mountain; and his sister, Mrs. J. P. Timmerman of Edgefield, S. C. Arrangements by Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home. Mr. Bennett was a retired Alcohol, Tobacco Tax unit officer With the U.S. Treasury Department. He was a member of the Catawba Masonic Lodge, Fort Mills, SC, New Bern Scottish Rite, Sudan Temple,

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New Bern Elks Lodge, Craven County Humane Society and Centenary United Methodist church.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal May 30, 1985:*

**Addie Henderson Humphrey**, 98, of 606 West Wilson Creek Drive died Wednesday at Craven County Hospital. Funeral will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at Cotten Chapel with the Rev J. Murphy Smith officiating. Burial will be in New Bern Memorial Cemetery. She is survived by two sons; Allen Humphrey of New Bern and Wade H. Humphrey of Orlando, Fla.; her daughter, Annie Bell Reed of Winchester, Ohio; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. at Cotten Funeral Home. Mrs. Humphrey was a member of Missionary Baptist Church in Maysville. She was the flower lady in Rhems.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal February 3, 1987:*

JACKSONVILLE -- **Meriwether Lewis Ferguson Jr.**, 61, died Sunday. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. today at Onslow Memorial Park. He is survived by his widow, Helen Humphrey Ferguson; three daughters, Jan Ferguson of Charlotte, Eve Reddic of Jacksonville, Lisa Ferguson of Atlanta, Ga.; one brother, Joe Ferguson of Arvada, Colo.; two grandchildren. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Anne's Altar Guild, St. Anne's Church, Henderson Drive, Jacksonville.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal January 29, 1988:*

RIVER BEND -- **Alvin Earl Pittman**, 57, of 219 Shoreline Died Tuesday. Graveside service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at Maplewood Cemetery, Kinston, with the Rev. Richard Stanley officiating. He is survived by his widow, Diane T. Pittman; one son, Jerry H. C. Pittman of New Bern; one brother, Henry B. Pittman of Marion. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Cotton Funeral Home, New Bern, and beginning at 12:30 p.m. Sunday before going to the cemetery. Pittman retired from the Air Force after 20 years. He had been employed with the Federal Aviation Administration for the past 13 years; and has been a city councilman for River Bend for the past six years.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal April 18, 1988:*

**Charles M. Pittman**, 72, of New Bern, died Saturday at Duke Medical Center, Durham. Funeral is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cotton Chapel with the Rev. Merritt Watson, and the Rev. David Goodroe officiating. Burial will be in Greenleaf Memorial Park. He is survived by his widow, Bessie Pittman; one son, Charles M. Pittman of Wilmington, one daughter, Patricia Pittman Watson of New Bern; on sister, Ethel Simpson of Morehead City; and four grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at Cotton Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations go to the Bethany Christian Church Memorial Fund.

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*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal April 21, 1988:*

**Donald Holmes Humphrey, Sr.**, 67, of 1506 Neuse Blvd., died Tuesday at Craven County Hospital, New Bern. Funeral is set for 2 p.m. Friday at Cotten Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Fallon Melvin officiating. Burial will be in Greenleaf Memorial Park. He is survived by his widow, Helen P. Humphrey; three sons, Allen Ray Humphrey of Indianapolis, Ind., Donald Humphrey Jr. of New Bern, Charles Pittman Humphrey of Cove City; one daughter, Rose Purifoy Wiggins of New Bern; four brothers, J. L. Humphrey of Raleigh, H.B. Humphrey, Hal Humphrey, both of New Bern, W.G. Humphrey of Spartanburg, S.C.; two sisters, Doris H. McCombs, Helen Ferguson, both of Jacksonville, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Cotton Funeral Home and other times at the home. Humphrey was a member of the Moose Lodge No. 1252 and also the V.F.W. Post 2514 as an honorary member. Memorials to Moose Lodge No. 1252, P.O. Box 3334, New Bern, N.C.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal July, 1990:*

**Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr.**, 73, of Raleigh, formerly of New Bern, died Tuesday at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh. He was retired from Seashore Transportation Company. Funeral is set from 2 p.m. Tuesday at Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lonnie Mann officiating. Burial will be in Greenleaf Memorial Park. He is survived by his widow, Nannie Wetherington Humphrey, three sons, Jay Lee Humphrey III of New Bern, William C. Humphrey of Raleigh, R. Allen Humphrey of Edenton; on daughter, Rose H. Dunn of Bloomfield, Conn.; three brothers; Harold B. Humphrey, Hal Humphrey, both of New Bern; William G. Humphrey of Spartanburg, S.C., two sisters; Doris McCombs, Helen Ferguson, both of Jacksonville, six grandchildren; and one great grandchild. Arrangements by Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal April 6, 1994:*

**Clara Foscue Bennett**, 80, of 608 East Front Street, died Monday at Britthaven of New Bern. She was a graduate of Peace College, a charter member of the Pilot Club and a member of Centenary United Methodist Church. She was a retired associate of Armstrong Grocery Company. She was the widow of the late Elliott Bennett. Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Thursday at Cedar Grove Cemetery with the Rev. William Sherman officiating. She is survived by a number of cousins and many close friends. The family will receive friends at 3011 Neuse River Drive. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to charity of one's choice. Arrangements by Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home.

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*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal August 18, 1994:*

Spartanburg, SC – **William Grey Humphrey**, 72, of 1305 Pinecrest Road, formerly of New Bern, died Aug. 11 at his residence. He was a retired executive and consultant with Milliken and Company and was a member of Fernwood Baptist Church. He was a graduate of North Carolina State University. Memorial service was 11 am Saturday at Fernwood Baptist Church with the Revs. P. Randall Wright and Randy C. Gardner officiating. He is survived by his widow, Maclynn Mackie Humphrey; one son, William Grey Humphrey, Jr. of Columbia, SC; two daughters, Maclynn A. Humphrey and Monta Betts of Raleigh, two brothers, H. B. Humphrey and Hal Humphrey of New Bern.; two sisters, Doris McCombs and Helen Ferguson of Jacksonville; and three grandchildren. Arrangements by Floyd's N. Church Street Funeral Home.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal December 18, 1996:*

**Vera Hill Pittman**, 87, of New Bern died Tuesday. Funeral will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the Clarks United Methodist Church with the Rev. Martin Armstrong officiating. Burial will be in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston. She is survived by one brother, Bet T. Hill of Lowell, Mass. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal May 16, 1999:*

**Jay Lee Humphrey III**, 60, of 5714 Old U.S. 70 West, died Friday at Craven Regional Medical Center. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Greenleaf Memorial Park Committal Chapel with the Revs. Michael Creekmore and Mike Scott officiating. He is survived by his widow, Jo Ann Humphrey; his mother, Nannie Wetherington Humphrey of New Bern; one son, Jay Lee Humphrey IV of Raleigh; one daughter Leigh H. Mueller of New Bern; two brothers, William C. Humphrey of Raleigh, and Rex Allen Humphrey of Nashville, Tenn., one sister, Rose H. Dunn of Bloomfield, Conn., and two grandchildren. The family will receive friends 7-8 p.m. today at Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 12805, New Bern, NC 28561.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal June 15, 1999:*

**James 'Allen' Humphrey**, 83, of New Bern, N.C., died Monday at Craven Regional Medical Center. He attended Broad Street Christian Church as was a member of the Doric Lodge. Funeral services will be 3:30 pm Wednesday at Cotton Funeral Home with the Reverend Joe Faulconer officiating. Burial will be in Greenleaf Memorial Park. He is survived by his widow; Sallie Humphrey of the home, on son, James Albert Humphrey and his wife, Sue, of New Bern. One grandson, James Alexander Humphrey of Richmond, VA; one daughter, Patricia Humphrey Kloes and her husband, Riley, of Raleigh, NC; and one sister, Annie Belle Reed of Burgaw. The family will receive friends at Cotton Funeral Home, Tuesday, 7-9:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Broad Street

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Christian Church Crippled Children's Fund, 802 Broad Street, New Bern, NC 28560.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal February 12, 2000:*

**Paxton Neal Humphrey**, 75, of New Bern died Friday at his home. He was a member of the New Bern Church of God. He served in the United States Army in Germany during World War II. Funeral will be 2 pm Sunday at Cotton Funeral Home with the Rev. David Salmons officiating. Burial will be in New Bern Memorial Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Marjorie J. Humphrey; five daughters; Annie H. Ormand and Audrey H. Wrenn, both of New Bern, Linda H. Howell of Wilmington, Patricia H. Glisson of Bridgeport, W. Va., and Cathy H. Jones of Washington; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends 7-8:30 pm today at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the New Bern Church of God, 1230 Colony Drive, New Bern, NC.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal November 8, 2000:*

**Bessie Ensley Pittman**, 78, of New Bern died Nov. 7, 2000, in her residence. She was a Gray Lady at Craven Regional Medical Center, a member of Carolina Pines Country Club and retired from the lunchroom at Brinson Memorial School. Funeral will be Thursday, Nov. 9, 2000 at 1 p.m. in Cotten Funeral Home with the Rev. Merritt Watson officiating. Burial will be in Greenleaf Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. today at Cotten Funeral Home. She is survived by one son, Rev. Charles M. Pittman and his wife, Marcia W. of, Johnsonville, S.C.; one daughter, Patricia P. Watson and her husband, Robert of New Bern; one brother, Guion Ensley of Oriental; one sister-in-law, Ethel Joyce Simpson of Morehead City; four sisters: Evelyn "Sister" Breeman of Arapahoe, Annalene "Binki" Lilly of Washington, Martha Terranova of Port Ritchey, Fla., and Clara "Jeannie" Ensley of Arapahoe; four grandchildren, Al Watson, Mike Watson, Matthew Pittman and Andrew Pittman; and two great grand- children, Anthony Watson and Sarah Watson. Memorials may be made to Bethany Christian Church, Arapahoe or Johnsonville First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 314, Johnsonville, SC.

*Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal, January 24, 2003:*

**Duke Humphrey**, 60, died Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1 to 3 p.m. today. A funeral service will be held immediately following with the Rev. Robert Bongiorno officiating. Burial will be at Greenleaf Memorial Park. He was the son of Helen Humphrey and the late Donald Humphrey, Sr. of New Bern. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Sheila Humphrey; his daughter, Julie Humphrey of Wilmington; his son, David Humphrey of Wilmington; one brother, Charles Humphrey of Cove City; and one sister, Rose Humphrey of Bridgeton. The family will receive friends after the services at Brunswick House 2, 1208 Colony Drive, New Bern. Arrangements by Pollock-Best Funeral & Cremations, New Bern.

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## Appendix A Excerpts from Colonists of Carolina

*Excerpted from Colonists of Carolina, The W. D. Humphrey Family,  
By Blanche Humphrey Abee, 1938. Craven County Library.  
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### CHAPTER I ONslow COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, HOME OF THE HUMPHREY FAMILY

The territory south of Virginia's eastern border was named in 1562, "Carolina," by John Ribault, a French navigator. In 1587 Sir Walter Raleigh planted the "Lost Colony" on Roanoke Island.

At the close of the Indian wars, 1711-1714, North Carolina was divided into three counties: Albemarle, Chowan, and Bath. Subdivisions were called precincts. Bath was divided into Beaufort, Hyde, Craven, and Carteret precincts.

Onslow County, adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean and traversed by New River, was formed from Carteret County; and early records are often found there, as well as in Craven County. It was named for Hon. Arthur Onslow, distinguished Speaker of the House of Commons of England, one of the greatest parliamentarians of all time. It is of record that the county was formed in 1734; but at a Council at Edenton, November 21, 1731, there was a petition from inhabitants of White Oak River, New River, and Topsail Sound, reciting the hardship and expense of going to Carteret court. The county boundary lines were designated and the following men were appointed justices: Edward Marshburn, Joseph Mumford, Thomas Johnston, captain Francis Brice, Christopher Dudley, Nicholas Hunter, Abraham Mitchell, Richard Nickson, and John Frederick. This court was to sit quarterly on the first Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.

Among the proceedings of the court of January 1, 1734, was a deed from Richard William Silvester proved by the oath of Thomas Taylor and Annas Cavanaugh to Edward Ward, and ordered to be recorded.

It was in the November term of 1734 that the first representatives in the General Assembly were seated. They were John Starkey and John Williams. Mr. Starkey was sworn in November 6, 1734, although the act bounding the county was not passed until the 12th of November.

By 1710 settlers had begun to arrive on Whiteoak River, and in another year or two had set up abodes along the coast to New River in what is now Onslow County. These people came from farther north in the state and from Virginia, Maryland, and New England. Carteret was formed as a precinct of Bath in 1721. Craven precinct and *New Bern Town* had interesting transactions as early as 1708, 1709, and



1710, the generally accepted date of the landing of De Graffenreid, the founder. One of the first acts of Carteret was to recognize the importance of the settlements on Whiteoak River and New River. In 1723 a road was ordered, and three years later a ferry over New River, which is still known as Sneads Ferry.

The first courthouse was on New River and the term "Court House on New River" heads the court minutes for July and October, 1734 and January and April of 1735.

At a court held in the home of Christian Heidelberg, a new location was chosen "facing lower side of the Northeast branch of New River between Joseph Howard's house and Russell's line," probably near; Paradise Point. Court met here from 1737 to April 1744 when, "finding ye house by some malicious person burnt," another place of meeting was arranged.

In 1741 the Assembly had ordered the town of Johnston on the west side of New River to be laid out, and here the third courthouse was built across the river from the second. In September 1752, a cyclone destroyed the courthouse, clerk's home, and every house in Johnston. The county records were scattered, but many were recovered by one Thompson.

The courts were held until July, 1757, at Jonathan Melton's near the present Northeast Primitive Baptist Church, when the first session met at the new courthouse at Wantland's Ferry, now Jacksonville.

Among the justices present at the July court, 1757, were Samuel Johnston, John Starkey, and Richard Ward. The grand jury empanelled was composed of Joseph Ward, Thomas King, John Pollock, Henry Rhodes, Lewis Williams, Benjamin Johnston, Joseph Mumford, and others. The fourth courthouse was completed by 1761 and for a long time was called "Onslow Court House," Jacksonville not being chartered till December 13, 1842. The first commissioners here at that date were Buckner House, Franklin S. Humphrey, George J. Ward, and Owen Huggins.

In the affairs of the colony, Onslow men had powerful influence. John Starkey represented the county in Assembly from 1738 till his death in 1765. He was one of two treasurers of the Province and it was said of him that members of the Assembly "followed him like chickens." He fought for Free Schools and had a bill adopted in 1749, but it was not put into effect on account of divergence of money for the wars.

From the earliest days Onslow people had part in war. The headstone on the grave of Colonel Edward Ward, who was born in 1694, says that he was one of the first settlers and that he was wounded in the Indian War which occurred 1711-14. The county, being in an

exposed position, prepared for war by training militia. Among the Colonial Records is mention of the "Spanish Alarm" and a roster of the Onslow regiment in 1754. The officers were John Starkey, Colonel; Edward Ward, Lieutenant Colonel Edward Ward, junior, Major. The Company captains and their districts were: Stephen Lee, White Oak; Richard Ward, the Northeast; John Shackelford, the Northwest; Thomas Hicks, the Southwest.

In Captain John Shackelford's company, 1754, were Thomas Johnston, Lieutenant; James Howard, Ensign; William Shackelford, Clerk; Jesse Williams, John Humphrey, and Lott Williams, Corporals. Among those listed in the company were Joseph Mumford, Jacob Humphrey, William Humphrey, William Williams, Stephen Williams, Benjamin Johnston, John Johnston, William Ambrose, and John Ambrose.

The Onslow Regiment was later commanded by Stephen Lee, and in 1771 under Colonel William Cray, it was a part of Tryon's army at the Battle of Alamance. Henry Rhodes was Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Johnston, First Major; and James Howard, Second Major. Also under Colonel Cray, it marched against the British at Wilmington as part of the campaign which ended in the defeat of the Tories at Moore's Creek Bridge.

Citizens of Onslow have served their state ably. In 1775, Edward Starkey, Henry Rhodes, and William Cray represented the county in Assembly. John Spicer was a member of the committee which wrote the Bill of Rights and the first Constitution of the State of North Carolina, and Edward Starkey was one of seven men who made up the first Council of State. The Convention met at Halifax, November 10, 1776; and Onslow's representatives were Henry Rhodes, John Spicer, Thomas Johnston, Benajah Dory, and Edward Starkey. In recognition of Colonel Rhodes' military knowledge, he was "to inquire into the most speedy method of raising 5000 militia of the state." Colonel Rhodes was also Superintendent of the Printing Press for printing money. Colonel Thomas Johnston was a member of the committee on privileges and elections; and he was in Provincial Congress and Convention 1788-89. Samuel Johnston, nephew of Governor Gabriel Johnston, and son of Samuel Johnston of Onslow, was Governor of the state, 1787-89 and was one of the first United States Senators for North Carolina. Edward B. Dudley, first Governor of North Carolina, elected by the direct vote of the People, was born and reared in Onslow. David W. Sanders was a member of the Council of State in 1746. Governor Daniel Russell spent his childhood in the county of Onslow at the home of his uncle, D. W. Sanders. Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Secretary of State in his administration,

and written up in "Who's Who in America," was an Onslow man. Colonel Lotte Williams Humphrey represented the county in the Senate for many years; Lott Humphrey, his uncle, served in the House of Commons in 1812; and another uncle, W. D. Humphrey I, served in 1821 in the House of Commons. W. D. Humphrey II was sheriff of Onslow County 1847-1862. John Williams Shackelford served his county not only in the General Assembly of the state, but also in the United States Congress.

Besides participating in the political life and military affairs of the period, Onslow people interested themselves in education. Prior to the Revolution, a girl's school was conducted by Mrs. Phoebe Warburton in her home on Starkey's Creek. Swansborough was chartered, including a school, by an act of Assembly in 1783. The same act also chartered a school for the "Rich Lands of New River," three acres of land being provided for this purpose. The following trustees were named: Edward Starkey, James Howard, Frederick Hargett, Lewis Williams, William Shackelford, and Daniel Yates. Richlands Academy since 1783 has taken the youth of the County and sent them out prepared for citizenship in various parts of the United States, under the tutelage of such scholarly personages as Professor John Woodward, Dr. James Sprunt, Dr. Cyrus Thompson and brother Frank Thompson, Hon. Wade H. Kornegay, Profesor T. T. James, Professor Walter M. Thompson, and others of like character and brilliance.

In the early records of land transactions in the county, one sees references to the "Rich Lands of New River." Richlands is still known in that section as a settlement of aristocratic and social-minded citizens. At the North Carolina Historical Commission, a map of the state covering that early period carries the names of "Humphreys" and "Averittes" for this locality.

Onslow occupied the position of a buffer county in both the Revolutionary War and the War Between the States. The British raided the county from Wilmington; and for a while patriot troops are said to have been stationed at Catherine's Lake.

Whiteoak River was a guarded line during most of the War between the States; Federal cavalry being stationed at New Bern and New Port. The Onslow cavalry was commanded by Captain Edward Ward; and the post was important because it guarded Wilmington, through which badly needed supplies for General Lee's army were imported.

An event which was the subject of conversation for many a day was the visit of General George Washington to Onslow in 1791. He spent the night at Shine's Inn, the guest of Captain Daniel Shine

and Barbara Franck Shine; took breakfast at Averitte's, near Rich-lands; dinner at Captain James Foy's on Hick's Run; and spent the night at Sage's Ordinary on the southern line of the county.

In Colonial days the highway through Onslow from Wilmington to New Bern was more than just a country road. It was the highway of two communities of aristocracy, that of the Cape Fear and that of the Neuse. Along this road passed the socially elite of that day from New Hanover, Brunswick, Duplin, and Onslow Counties on their way to the Governor's Ball at the opening of Tryon's Palace, New Bern, the finest building in *America*," part of which is yet one of the many historic relics there. Along this road, also, traveled colonial officials on errands of state; and over it came the messenger with the news of the Battle of Lexington.

The New Bern-to-Wilmington highway was proposed by Governor Tryon in 1765 to be part of a malt route from Williamsburg, Virginia, to Charleston, South Carolina. It was part of an inter-colony mail route which was established a few years later from Philadelphia to Charleston.

But this old road, however, is no longer the main highway through the county. "It has seen the Indian runner, the horseback rider, the ox-drawn cart, and the carriage-and-four;" and now the automobile relegates them to the rear. Gone are the roadside inns, called ordinaries. They are no longer needed, as the trip from New Bern to Wilmington can now be made on the new concrete roads in only a few hours in comparison with the days required in the olden times.

Onslow, One of the few North Carolina counties whose boundaries have remained the same, is famous for its New River oysters and shad, the fertility of its soil and iodized vegetables, "Onslow Hams," and its old "Manor Plantations," whose occupants are known for their genuine southern hospitality. Her sons have gone forth to all parts of the country to take their places in the upbuilding of our national life, with the high ideals and ambition to succeed instilled into them by their very early American ancestors.

1. See F. L. Morris; *Onslow One of Oldest Counties, Rich in History and Romance*, in Raleigh News and Observer, April 14, 1935, page 7, as basis for much of information.

CHAPTER II  
*THE HUMPHREY FAMILY: WILLIAM HUMPHREY IN COLONIAL MILITIA;  
DANIEL HUMPHREY, A SOLDIER IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR*

The name Humphrey is thought to be of Norman origin. It is said that one *Homme Vrai* of Normandy, a companion, kinsman, friend, and follower of William the Conqueror became known as Humphrey in England. The name has existed in that country from the Conquest to the present time.\*

Humphrey I to Humphrey X, holding estates on the border of Wales from the time of William I to the time of Henry IV, a period of about three centuries, figured in the history of the times.<sup>1</sup>

From about the year 1000, surnames began to come into use in England and were becoming common in the twelfth century. When surnames came into use, given names often became surnames and were then preceded by various given names.<sup>2</sup> William, Robert, John, Richard, and Thomas were given names popular in the Humphrey family in England before the settlement of the American Colonies.

In the list of Vicars of Lowestoft there appears a William Humphrey in 1365 as Patron to the Bishop of Norwich.<sup>3</sup>

In a will, dated December 11, 1544, Robert Umfrey, who was a clothier in the Parish of Pitworth, diocese of Chichester, mentioned his wife, Elizabeth, and William, the son of his brother Edmund.<sup>4</sup>

In a will of October 15, 1655, John Humfrey, of Woolbridge, County Suffolke, merchant, mentioned his wife, Agnes, his son, William Humphrey, and his daughter, Joane.<sup>5</sup> John Homfrey, of Parish of Ffronte, County Kent, England, made a will in 1579 and mentioned his son, William Humphrey.<sup>6</sup>

In 1647, Thomas Humphrey, Croyden, County of Kent, left a legacy to his son, William Humphrey.<sup>7</sup>

One Thomas Humphrey arrived in 'Virginia in 1585 in the first voyage under White, as stated on page 211 of Volume I of Hawk's *History of North Carolina*.

In the eleventh generation, descended from Edward III, King

\*The European origin of the family has not been established. The William Humphrey named on pages 13 and 14, post, is the authentic ancestor; the intervening historical facts are included as suggestions for further study. Other references are at end of chapter, pages 37-40.

of England, is found John Humphrey, the son of Lady Susan Clinton and John Humphrey, Esquire, Deputy Governor of Massachusetts. He was in that colony as early as 1641.<sup>8</sup> Names familiar in this family are John, Thomas, William, and Joseph

*"In the year 1640," says Winthrop's Journal, speaking of New England, "many men began to inquire after the Southern parts, and the great advantages supposed to be had in Virginia and the West Indies . . .; and the attractions in those parts made this country disesteemed of many."* <sup>9</sup>

A direct line from Edward 1, King of England, comes down to Jacob Humphrey of Pennsylvania in the seventeenth generation, some of whose children lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania, whence many people came into the counties of eastern North Carolina by way of Virginia.<sup>10</sup>

The Virginia Archives, at Richmond, contain references to one William Humphrey in Gloucester County, Virginia, in 1643 (but the records of that county were burned); in Northumberland County in 1651 and 1654; in Lancaster County in 1652; in Charles City County in 1662 (but these records are also missing); in Middlesex County in 1686 (where one William Humphrey married a Sarah Davis); in Rappahannock County in 1688; in Prince George County in 1702; and in Brunswick County in 1736.<sup>11</sup>

Among the land grants for Virginia, Land Grant Office in Richmond, Book 6, page 125, appears the following:

*"To all whereas now know ye that the said Sir Wm. Berkeley, Knight, Governor, do give and grant unto William Humphries 200 acres of land in Charles City County, lying upon the Easterly side of Turkey Creek opposite to the great and long meadow and bounded northeast and by the north . . . dated March 18, 1662, for the transportation of Thomas Humphries, William Humphries, Fra. Humphries, and Edward Ward."*

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*"Att a Cort holden att Westover, Virginia, December 3, 1661, John Garry confesseth Judgment to William Humphrey for 419 pounds of good tobacco and agreement to be paid him with all costs. . ."* <sup>13</sup>

In Lancaster County, Virginia, John Humphreyes was a witness in 1653, and Thomas Humphrey in 1654. Thomas Humphrey witnessed a deed in Rappahannock in 1659, and was a witness in 1660 to a bond for 6000 pounds of tobacco from Henry Corgin to Rawleigh Travers.<sup>14</sup>

William Humphrey, of Henrico County, Virginia, made a deed in 1669 to Robert Povall for 150 acres on Malvorn Hills whereon he lived.<sup>15</sup>



His will was proved by the oath of Captain William Randolph, who was a witness, and it was probated in 1692 by Margaret Floyd.<sup>16</sup>

Evan Humphreys, Roger Williams, and John Miller were among the "Tithables" of Surry County, Virginia, in 1679 as shown on page 227 of Book 1 of Surry County Court House Records. On page 240 of the same book, Richard Miller and Evan Humphreys are listed in Lawne's Creek, Surry County. The county then included Sussex and part of Brunswick, with the usual undefined extension westward. In 1687 Evan Humphrey was listed as one of two hundred sixty-two foot soldiers chosen from the freeholders and inhabitants of Surry County. (*William and Mary Quarterly*, Volume 11, page 86.) He was also included in the "Quit Rent Roll in 1704" for that county.<sup>17</sup> His wife was Jane, and, apparently, Robert Humphrey was their son.<sup>18</sup> There was an instrument in 1705 between Evan Humphrey, planter, of ye lower part of Surry County, and Jane (Harris Stringfellow), his wife, and Richard Stringfellow (her son) for a tract of land whereon they lived which was given to "ye Jane as by her Father's will on April 18, 1679." (Richard Harris will in Deed Book 2, page 209, Surry County, Virginia.) The tract contained 145 acres in Lawne's Creek in Surry County, Virginia, and was surveyed on February 12, 1679. At a court on November 18, 1707, John Sugar by virtue of Power of Attorney from Evan Humphrey and Jane, his wife, acknowledged the above deed. Richard and Susannah String-fellow sold the property described, on November 18, 1707; and Robert Umphrey was the witness. In the Surry County Order Book 1691-1713, page 353, there is mention of Evan Humphrey as grantee of 50 acres of land on November 7, 1710.<sup>19</sup>

There are many transfers of land in Surry County in which Robert Humphrey was interested. He died in 1713, without a will, and Mary, his wife, settled his estate, according to the records of Surly County Court House.<sup>20</sup>

It is thought that John Humphrey was the son of Robert and Mary. He married Mary White, as stated in the fourth item of the will of John White of Surry County who bequeathed to John Humphreys, "son of my sister Mary Humphreys, thirty shillings to be laid out on him in learning." He bequeathed other property to be given him when John arrived at lawful age. The will was dated March 14, 1727, and recorded in Surly County Deed and Will Book 1715-1730, page 800.

In Brunswick County, Virginia, on September 8, 1728, there was recorded in Land Book 13, page 391, a deed to John Humphries of Brunswick County for 541 acres of land on both sides of Little Creek,



beginning on Captain Brown's line--to John Rose's line--to CharlieWhite's line--.

John Humphrey, of the Parish of St. Andrews, made his will on April 19, 1738. It was recorded in Will Book 2, page 2, of Brunswick County, Virginia. He gave to his wife, Mary, the plantation on which they lived. To his four sons, William, John, Thomas, and Charles Humphries, he bequeathed a tract of 400 acres of land on Allen's Creek, which was to be equally divided among them. His desire was that his children remain with their mother until they were of age; but, should she marry, they could be free to follow their inclination at the age of eighteen.

In 1748 the county of Lunenburg, Virginia, was formed from Brunswick County. On the tax lists for that year, but not for the years following, appear the names, John, William, Thomas, and Charles Humphreys and the names, William Wood, John Williams, Daniel Humphreys, Richard Ward, John Ambrose, John Ellis, and other names often seen early in Onslow County, North Carolina.<sup>21</sup>

In Deed Book 2, page 167, at Lunenburg County Court House, Virginia, on October 1, 1750, is an indenture between John, William, Thomas, and Charles Humphrey of the county of Lunenburg, Virginia, and James Tucker of Amelia County, Virginia, for 183 acres of land on both sides of Allen's Creek in the county of Lunenburg. The witnesses were Christopher Hudson, William White, and John Mayse.

Already the Humphrey family had gone down into Albemarle County, North Carolina, as indicated in the wills of Richard Humphries, in 1688, and John Humphries, of Pasquotank precinct, in 1708.<sup>22</sup>

One John Humphries of Brunswick County, Virginia, died in 1738.

The John Humphrey of Albemarle County, North Carolina, in his will mentioned sons, John, William, Christopher; and daughters, Mary Gray and Sarah Bray; and son-in-law, Griffith Gray. The son William was the executor.<sup>23</sup>

One William Humphries married the daughter of William Wilson of Pasquotank precinct, Albemarle County.<sup>24</sup> His brother-in-law was John Scarborough.<sup>25</sup>

There was an indenture made on March 29, 1761, between William Humphrey of Craven County in the province of North Carolina, planter, of the one part, and John Wright of New Hanover County in the province aforesaid, sadler, of the other part. *For a consideration*: of seventeen pounds Proclamation money paid by John Wright, William Humphrey sold 148 acres of land in the county of New

Hanover on the west side of the Northeast Branch of Cape Fear River, said parcel of land being the tract which was granted unto William Humphrey by patent bearing date of November 18, 1760.

This transfer was signed and sealed in the presence of Edward Pearsall, William Pigford, and William Bevil, and was proved in the June Court, 1761, by the oath of Edward Pearsall. (Book D, page 481, New Hanover County Court House.)

One of the witnesses on the will of William Thomas I of Limestone Creek in Duplin County, North Carolina, 1781, was John Humphrey, who owned land in that locality.

One William Humphrey died in Craven County, North Carolina, in 1767. Nathaniel Scarborough, next of kin, made the inventory of this estate.<sup>26</sup>

In the Craven County records, October 15, 1752, one Joseph Humphrey left "cousin Sarah Roberts of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania" a legacy; he also left legacies to his nephew, Joseph Humphrey, the son of John Humphrey, and to his friend, Evan Ellis. One Joseph Humphries was the executor in Pasquotank County in 1740 of the estate of Christopher Humphrey, brother of John and William.

Two related Humphrey families, it appears, came from Virginia to Onslow County, North Carolina--one through Pasquotank and Craven Counties to Onslow and the other through Halifax and Bertie Counties into Onslow.

Joseph Humphrey of Onslow made affidavit that he was born in Halifax County, North Carolina, on January 16, 1750. This Joseph Humphrey was a Revolutionary soldier as shown on a record in the Pension Bureau in Washington, D. C.

In Book C, page 197, of the Bertie County records, it is stated that Robert Humphrey sold the land whereon he lived to Nathan Joiner on February 2, 1729. The deed was signed by Robert Humphrey and Elizabeth Humphrey. It was, apparently, at this time that they moved to Onslow.

On September 20, 1748, Thomas Humphrey and Elizabeth Humphrey, his wife, Surry County, Virginia, conveyed to their son, Chambers Humphrey, land which she had inherited. On November 16, 1759, Chambers Humphrey, of Dobbs (Lenoir) County (adjoining Onslow), North Carolina, sold his land in Virginia, granted to his grandfather in 1717, to one Jeremiah Pierce of the Isle of Wight County, Virginia.<sup>27</sup>

In Bertie County Court House (Book 9, page 39), there is a record of Joseph Jones' gift of land to his daughter, Sarah Humphree, which, at her death, was to go to her husband, William Humphree. This was dated January 10, 1747. On the same page of this book,

there is a deposition by William Humphree dated March 8, 1753 in which he declared himself to be twenty-nine years of age.

It is helpful at this point to learn that of the Humphrey family early in Onslow County, North Carolina, Thomas Humphrey had a son, Francis; Eustres Humphrey had sons, Lewis and David; Jacob Humphrey had a son, Robert; and William Humphrey had sons, William Humphrey, junior, Jacob Humphrey, and Daniel Humphrey; and William's wife, Sarah, deeded land to her son, Jacob Wood, evidently the child of a former marriage.<sup>28</sup>

In Chowan County, North Carolina, in 1789, the will of David Humphrey named sons: William, John, and Richard.<sup>29</sup> Listed in Captain Thomas Graves' company in the Craven County Militia for 1751 were: William, John, and Richard Humphrey.<sup>30</sup>

One William Humphreys came into court in Onslow County, and a controversy between him and John Edwards and John Brock was settled in his favor on April 6, 1736. (See Onslow County Court Minutes that date.)

One William Humphreyes made a deed in 1752 in Duplin County, North Carolina, to one John Brock.<sup>31</sup>

On October 5, 1747, there was an indenture between Robert Humphrey, planter, of Onslow County, North Carolina, and William Humphrey, planter, for 140 acres of land on the south Side of the Northwest Branch of New River, for a consideration of 160 pounds. This is found in an old Onslow County Record, page 17, at the North Carolina Historical Commission, at Raleigh, North Carolina.

In the same book, there is a record of sale on December 29, 1747, by William Humphrey to Lucey Wright, for sixty pounds. This land, granted to William Williams in 1745, had been transferred by him to Robert Humphrey. It is through this William Humphrey of Onslow that the line of the Humphrey family under review becomes authentically established.

William Humphrey is shown as a juryman in Onslow County in July 1753, as recorded in Volume II, Folio 2, Court Minutes at the Historical Commission at Raleigh. Other grand jurors called and empanelled at that court were Joseph Ward, John Shackelford, Stephen Williams, and Thomas Johnston. In January 1754, among the grand jurors were William Humphrey, Benjamin Johnston, John Royal, Thomas Johnston, and John Johnston (Folio 21, same book).

In the North Carolina State and Colonial Records, Volume XXII, page 343, in the year 1754, a list of the Onslow County Militia, with Captain John Shackelford's company, includes the names of William Humphrey, John Humphrey, and Richard Humphrey.

In 1748, John Humphrey and Jacob Humphrey were witnesses on

a sale of land by John Brown<sup>32</sup> Book G, page 480, of the Bertie County Court House Records, in the May court, 1753, shows that Jacob Humphrey and wife, Martha, sold land in Bertie County to John Brown, a planter of Northampton County, North Carolina.

Jacob Humphrey and Abraham Gray were witnesses to a deed dated February 24, 1761, recorded in *Book 1*, page 580, of Craven County, North Carolina. The indenture was between Daniel Shine of Craven County and Edward Brown of the same county, for a consideration of 100 pounds paid by Edward Brown for land in Craven County on the south side of Trent River, part of New Germany, beginning at James Blackshear's corner line above Cypress Creek and running down the river to the mouth of Pocosin Branch. The deed was signed by Daniel Shine and Barbara (Franck) Shine.

William Humphrey and Furnifold Green were the witnesses on a deed for Thomas Graves and James Reed on June 17, 1760, as recorded in *Book 2*, page 92, at the Court House in New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina.

In the Land Grant Office at Raleigh, North Carolina, there is recorded a grant to William Humphrey, on April 23, 1762, for land in Onslow County, North Carolina, between William Royal's and Markland's lines.

At the North Carolina Historical Commission, Raleigh, in the Tax Book for 1769, on the page containing the names beginning with *H*, are listed William Humphrey and son, Daniel, and Jacob Humphrey and son, Robert.

Among the wills in Onslow County, is that of Thomas Humphrey, dated October 20, 1780. His wife was Mary; she and Isaac Humphrey were his executors; the witnesses were Francis Humphrey, Alice Humphrey, and Jacob Humphrey. (Files at courthouse in Jacksonville.)

In another old book of Onslow County Records, page 79, Jacob Humphrey of Onslow County and his son, Robert Humphrey, sold 30 acres of land for 50 pounds. (North Carolina Historical Commission.)

William Humphrey received on November 9, 1784, a grant of 200 acres of land situated on the southwest side of the Northwest Branch of New River in Onslow County, North Carolina.

On January 1, 1788, William Humphrey, senior, sold to Arthur Averitt 100 acres of land on the southwest side of Northwest Branch of New River, consideration being ten pounds,<sup>33</sup> (The senior appears here for the first time.)

In 1770 William Humphrey sold land to Phillip Evans in

Pasquotank County. (Onslow County Court Minutes at the Historical Commission, Raleigh; see page 238 in Miscellaneous.)

In Onslow County *Settlement of Estates* at the Historical Commission, there is a receipt, dated January 13, 1785, by William Humphrey for his part of a legacy from Allen Godley, by John Godley, Administrator of Thomas Godley, deceased. From the same estate, on March 30, 1787, there were receipts from Nancy Godley, her share, Jacob Humphrey, his share, and Mary Godley, her share.

In the Court Minutes of Onslow County for 1787, there was a motion by Hopkins Wilder that William Humphrey and Jacob Humphrey be exempt from poll tax. (They were then evidently more than sixty years of age.)

There was also a deed from George Albritton to William Humphrey, junior, for 200 acres of land, proved by the oath of Stephen Williams. (Court Minutes of Onslow County for 1787 at Historical Commission.)

In 1789 among the jurors for Onslow County were John Averitt and William Humphrey. (Page 47 of 1789 Court Minutes.) William Humphrey, in 1790, made a deed to Jacob Humphrey for 200 acres of land. (Book C, page 270, Onslow County Records, Historical Commission.) In 1790 the will of Jacob Humphrey, deceased, was recorded, with witnesses, Susannah Jarman and Caesar Cox; and Jacob Humphrey, junior, executor.<sup>34</sup>

The United States Census for 1790, Onslow County, North Carolina, lists as heads of families: William Umphrey, Mary (the widow of Thomas), Josiah, Jacob, Francis, and David Humphrey. The census for 1800 lists as heads of families: John Umphrey, David, Jacob, Joseph, and Daniel Humphrey.

On September 19, 1789, in Onslow County; North Carolina (Records at the Historical Commission), there was an indenture between William Humphrey and Jacob Humphrey. "For love and affection" to his son Jacob, William Humphrey gave his manor plantation, but, after six months, Jacob was to pay Daniel Humphrey 25 pounds in specie, as "satisfaction in full" for the deed. This indenture was witnessed by Joseph Mumford and Daniel Williams.

In 1791 there was a deed of gift from William Humphrey to son Jacob for 200 acres, and to Daniel Humphrey for sixty acres, and to Jacob Wood, son of Sarah Humphrey, wife of William Humphrey. (Court Minutes for 1791 for Onslow County at the Historical Commission.)

On October 12, 1793, William Humphrey made a deed of gift to

his son, Daniel Humphrey, which, copied from an old Onslow County book (without number), at the North Carolina Historical Commission, at Raleigh, follows in full:

"This indenture made the 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three between William Humphrey of North Carolina and the County of Onslow of the one part and Daniel Humphrey, of the State and County aforesaid, sou of the said William Humphrey of the other part, witnesseth that the said William Humphrey as well for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he hath unto the said Daniel Humphrey, his son, and also for the better maintenance and preferment of the said Daniel Humphrey, bath granted, given, alienated, invested, and confirmed and by these presents doth give, grant, and confirm unto the said Daniel Humphrey a certain piece of land containing ninety acres more or less lying on the north side of the south branch and bounded with Jenkins Averitt's, John Averitt's, and Hardy Gregory's lines, also joining Jacob Humphrey's line, and comprehending all the right of the said William Humphrey on that side the branch above mentioned with all and singular its appurtenances with all houses, out houses, lands, . . . and remainder . . . rents and services of the said premises and all the estate, right, title, interest, property claim and demand whatever of him the' said William Humphrey of, in, or to the said land or tenement and premises and of in and to every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances and all deeds, evidences and . . . concerning the premises only now in the hands and custody of the said William Humphrey or which he may get or come by without suit in law To Have and To Hold the said lands and premises hereby given and granted or mentioned or intended to be given and granted to the said Daniel Humphrey, his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of him, the said Daniel Humphrey, his heirs and assigns by these presents that the said Daniel Humphrey, his heirs and assigns shall and lawfully may from henceforth forever hereafter peacefully and quietly have and occupy and possess and enjoy the said land, Heriditaments and premises hereby given and granted or mentioned or intended to be with their appurtenances free and clear and discharged of and from all . . . and other gifts, grants, bargains and sales, . . . Indenture . . . estate, entails unto charges arrears unto and of and from all other titles, charges, and cumbrances whatsoever had or done or secured made or committed to be had, done or suffered by him the said William Humphrey, his heirs, executors or administrators or any other person, lawfully claiming to be from or under him, them or either of them. In witness



whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year as above written in the words of the said William Humphrey.

Signed and sealed William Humphrey

Witnesses: John Ellice James Northerosin Onslow County.	Deed of Gift from William Humphrey January Term 1794 To Daniel Humphrey was duly Proved Open Court by the oath of <i>John Ellis</i> , one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered.
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Attest: Will Clay, C. Ct., April 9, 1794  
Benjamin Hall, Register of Deeds, Onslow Co., N. C." <sup>35</sup>

On an old map of North Carolina at the North Carolina Historical Commission, published before 1800, the name of *Humphreys* appears in the Onslow County location where the family settled in the early days of the county's history.

In the *North Carolina State Records*, Volume XVI, page 1073, it can be seen that Daniel Humphrey enlisted in the service of the Revolutionary War on March 18, 1776, and served for two and a half years. He was ill at Valley Forge. In the *Revolutionary Service Records* in Raleigh, Book W, No. I, page 32, "Amount of claims allowed by the auditors of Wilmington District from October 16, 1781, to August, 1783, Daniel Humphrey, 13 f--14 S--O." The name also appears in the *Roster of Soldiers of the Revolution*, by the *North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution*---"Discharged September 30, 1778; Second Regiment."

In the Land Grant Office at Raleigh, North Carolina, it is recorded that Daniel Humphrey of Onslow County had a grant for 160 acres of land on the west side of the Northwest Branch of New River issued to him on July 11, 1788. (Book 65, page 591:) On December 20, 1791, he received a grant for 28 acres adjoining his land. (Book 74, page 431.)

In the Onslow County Court Minutes, at the North Carolina Historical Commission, it is stated that in 1788 Daniel Humphrey was overseer of the road (page 30); in 1783, Daniel Humphrey, William Humphrey, Jesse Wood; and Obed Williams were on the jury (page 37); in 1780, Daniel Humphrey was a juror at the Wilmington, North Carolina, Superior Court (page 18); in 1779, Daniel Humphrey made a deed to John Gregory for 100 acres of land, proved by the oath of Lewis Williams (*ibid.*); in 1790, Daniel Humphrey bought a negro woman from William Routledge. (County Court. Minutes for 1790.)

Daniel Humphrey was born about 1750. He married Hester



Williams, the daughter of Jesse Williams, who made a bequest to her in his will in 1773. (See Williams Family, post.) When Benjamin Williams, father of Jesse Williams, died in 1778, he left a legacy to his granddaughter, Hester Humphrey. (*Ibid.*) Daniel and Hester had nine children, whose names appear in relation to the plats of land apportioned to each after his death: Lot 1, to Cyrene Gregory, wife of Hardy Gregory; Lot 2, to Daniel Humphrey; Lot 3, to Lott Humphrey; Lot 4, to *Whitehead Humphrey*; Lot 5, to Hill Humphrey; Lot 6, to Williams Humphrey; Lot 7, to Polcy (Polly) Humphrey; Lot 8, to Jesse Humphrey; and Lot 9, to Esther Humphrey.<sup>36</sup>

There was a division, on May 15, 1804, of negroes, valued at 2002 £--10 S---O, belonging to the estate of Daniel Humphrey.<sup>37</sup>

Lucy and Ben, valued at 100 £, went to Daniel; Sharpe, valued at 125 £, to Serene Gregory; Ned, valued at 250 £, to White Humphrey; Jim, valued at 250 £ to Polly; Steve, valued at 225 £, to Williams Humphrey; Charles and Jack, valued at 115 £, to Jesse; Bob, valued at 225 £, to Esther; Ned, valued at 225 £, to Hill Humphrey; Linden and Rachel, valued at 200 £, to widow Humphrey; and Peter, valued at 187 £, to Lott Humphrey.

There is filed at the North Carolina Historical Commission, in Raleigh, an inventory by Hester Williams Humphrey, widow of Daniel Humphrey. The sales on July 26, 1804, amounted to .541 £--4S--9. Listed in the account of property were: "two Bibles, two Prayer Books, One Testament, one Martin's Justice, 1 Pair Tongs, 2 yards of Superfine Cloth, 2 yards of Cashmere, 7/8 yard of Black Satin with Silk and Twist for same, 1 1/2 yards Shaloon, 1Pair Men's Gloves, 1 Shot Gun, Old Pewter, 1 Looking Glass, 2 sets of China Ware, 2 large Decanters, 1 Common Decanter, 12 negroes, nine horses, 2 yoke Oxen, 9 cows and calves, 7 dry cattle, 36 sheep, 2 carts, 1 Riding Chair and Harness, 1 Horse Whip, 2 Umbrellas, 4 Bar Plows, 8 fluke Plows, 6 pair Traces, 2 saddles and bridles, 8 axes, 4 grubbing hoes, 4 weeding hoes, 2 pair of iron wedges, 1 cross cut, 1 hand saw, 3 Pots, 1 Iron Kettle, 2 Dutch Ovens, 1 Skillet, 1 frying pan, 2 gimlets, 2 meal stands, 1 sugar stand, 18 barrels, 3 hogsheads, 1 Bar Iron, 2 spades, 3 bells, 3 pair fire irons, 1 pair pinchers, 1 pair smoothing irons, 1 pair compasses, 1 chisel, six beds and bedsteads and furniture, 3 chamber pots, 6 trunks assorted, 1 Large Chest, half dozen green chairs, 10 chairs assorted, 5 tables assorted, 2 sets of casters, 4 dishes and two dozen plates, 3 coffee Pots, 5 Boles, 21 wash boles, 3 Tea Canisters, 2 Salt Stands, 2 Tereans and 2 Jars, 5 water glasses, 3 tumblers, 1 water bottle, 3 Funnels, 1 gallon Pot, 1-1 /2 gallon pot, 1 quart pot, 1 pint pot, 1/2 pint pot, 1 gill pot, 2 pair stillyards,

1 pair scales and weights, 2 mugs, 1 coffee mill, 3 candlesticks and 1 candle stand, 3 sets of knives and forks, 17 large spoons and six small spoons, 1 large silver ladle, 1 case, 2 bottles, 2 tubs, '6 jugs, 1 Tin Pot, 1 water Pale, 1 Tray, 1 Churn, 1 Half Bushel, 1 Corn Cradle, 1 grindstone, 5 Brushes, 1 Pepper Caster, 1 Pair of Taylor's Shares, 1 Pair Sheep Shares, 1 Hoane, 1 set Raisors, 1 Shaving Box, 1 pair of snuffers, 2 Hatchets, 1 Broom Brush, 1 Trammell, 3 cages, 10 gallons of Rum, 5 Alls, 1 set candle molds, 1 candle box, 12 hides of Leather in tan, 1 calf skin, 1 note on Williamson for 5 £--14S--0, small sum due on book, money on hand 33 pounds, 8 barrels of corn, Superior Court Ticket 12 pounds, 2 sows and 2 pigs, 1 sow and 20 shoats, 1 large boar, 1 mattress, a crop now growing quantity not known. . ."

The land which the heirs of Daniel Humphrey received is fully described in an old Onslow County record at the Historical Commission. The part which Whitehead Humphrey I inherited was located on Cowhorn Road and West Branch of New River and began at Lott Humphrey's second corner. This deed was registered December 14, 1805.

On December 5, 1804, Daniel Humphrey paid Mrs. Hester Humphrey 30 pounds for negro, Lucy, Who was 50 years old; deed was witnessed by Hardy Gregory. (Old Onslow Book, page 191, North Carolina Historical Commission.)

Esther Humphrey gave to her daughter Polsey Humphrey her negro girl, Rachel; should Polsey die, the increase of the girl was to go to Esther's other children: Whitehead, Williams, Jesse, Hester, and Hill Humphrey. This deed of gift was witnessed by Lott Humphrey and was registered on August 28, 1805. (Old Onslow Book, page 197, Historical Commission.)

Hester Humphrey, widow of Daniel Humphrey, married John Giles. In 1832 she made a settlement with the Daniel Humphrey heirs.

There was a guardian settlement for Whitehead Humphrey I by Hardy Gregory on July 16, 1809.<sup>38</sup>

Whitehead Humphrey's property line was referred to on May 1, 1810, as being near land owned by Jacky Shackelford, his brother-in-law. Apparently he became of age prior to July 16, 1809, and was married about this time.<sup>39</sup>

Onslow County was represented in the House of Commons for 1812 by Lott Humphrey I; records for this year can be seen in the quarters occupied by the North Carolina Supreme Court, at Raleigh. In 1821 W. D. Humphrey I was elected from Onslow County to the same position.<sup>40</sup>

Whitehead D. Humphrey I married Susan Shackelford. She was the daughter of Polly (Mary) Shine Shackelford and George Shackelford, both of whom made bequests to her in their wills, filed in Onslow County, North Carolina.<sup>41</sup>

Polly Shine Shackelford was the daughter of Daniel Shine and Barbara Franck Shine, as evidenced by the following deed:

"Know all men by these presents that I, Jacky Shackelford, have bargained and sold unto Whitehead Humphrey all my right and title to a certain negro wench, by the name of Phillas, and four children, which negroes were willed by Daniel Shine to his wife Barbara Shine, now Barbara Johnston, during her natural life, and then to his Daughter Polly Shackelford, to her and her heirs forever, for the sum of one hundred dollars to me paid in hand by the said Whitehead Humphrey, the receipt whereof I have set my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, 1814."

Test. Stephen Williams

Jacky Shackelford, Seal

July Court 1814 acknowledged and ordered to be registered. Deed was registered December 24, 1814."<sup>42</sup>

On August 2, 1818, W. D. Humphrey I paid 1000 pounds to Daniel Shackelford of New Bern, North Carolina, for the Hardy Gregory land in Onslow County, North Carolina.<sup>43</sup>

Whitehead Humphrey I bought of Francis Shackelford, Mary Shackelford, and Esther Shackelford on August 25, 1824, one-sixth of a tract of land lying on the east side of the main Northwest Branch of New River and on both sides of the main road leading to Kinston and on each side of Meadow Branch and on the west side of the branch; joining lands of Lawrence House, Lewis Sandlin, and James Philyaw. That tract of land contained 300 acres.<sup>44</sup>

On December 4, 1825, W. D. Humphrey I bought of John Askew 100 acres of land on Cowhorn for \$1050.00.<sup>45</sup>

At the Onslow Court, which was held the first Monday in August 1825, there were present the Worshipful Daniel Ambrose, Whitehead Humphrey, and John Giles, Justices of said county, and they made the following orders:

"Ordered that James Glenn and Lewis Sandlin and Hill Humphrey appoint and hold the poll of Election on the second Thursday of August 1825 at Captain Hill Humphrey's muster ground and elect a representative for next Congress U. S. Ordered that W. D. Humphrey, Esq., take the list of taxables in Upper Richlands District. Ordered that Hezekiah Williams; Esq., . . . hold polls of Election at Captain Jesse Humphrey's muster ground to elect a member of Congress U. S. Ordered that Jesse Humphrey, Jacky Shackelford,

. . . be appointed Patrols in Captain Jesse Humphrey's District." <sup>46</sup>

In May, 1826, it Was ordered that Whitehead Humphrey and Company be authorized by the sheriff agreeable to law to be licensed for one year to' retail goods, wares, merchandise. . . at their store in the upper Richlands District, Onslow County, North Carolina."<sup>47</sup> Ordered that John Giles, Esq., James Glen, Lawrence House, Wh. D. Humphrey, and Williams Humphrey, Esq., be appointed to value and divide the negroes belonging to the Estate of John Barrow among his heirs."<sup>48</sup>

In the Tax List of 1825, at the North Carolina Historical Commission, W. D. Humphrey I listed 5 whites, 20 blacks, and 1000 acres of land valued at \$5500.00.

In the Tax List for 1826, W. D. Humphrey's property was listed by Thomas Battle, Administrator of his estate: 1300 acres of land, \$8500.00 value; and tax of \$11.55 was paid.

On the first Monday of February, 1827, it was ordered by the court that Thomas Battle, Administrator, Estate of W. D. Humphrey I, deceased, be author/zed to sell as many as ten of the negro slaves belonging to the estate to pay debts, if the nature of the case required it. Names of those to be sold were Alfred, Sue, February, Sidney, Jack, Nancy, Airy, Lendony, Frank, and Caroline.<sup>49</sup>

The same court ordered that John Averitt, James Glen, Lawrence House, and James Sandlin be appointed as a committee to lay off to the widow of Whitehead D. Humphrey, deceased, her year's support and report the proceedings at the next court.<sup>50</sup>

At the November Court, 1827, in Onslow County, North Carolina, Susan Humphrey petitioned for Dower in suit against Williams Humphrey and others, heirs-at-law of W. D. Humphrey. In this case the report of the jury was returned and confirmed, and ordered to be registered.<sup>51</sup>

At the February Court, 1829, it .Was Ordered that Daniel Ambrose, Williams Humphrey, and James Glen, *Esquires, examine* and settle the accounts of Thomas Battle, as Administrator of the Estate of W. D. Humphrey, deceased, whose estate as co-partner in merchandise with Hill Humphrey and as individual planter had been committed to the administration, care, and safekeeping of the said Thomas Battle.

It was ordered, at the May Court Of Onslow, 1829, that Eli Cox be appointed guardian for Franklin, Williams, Daniel, Whitehead, Louisa, and Susan Humphrey, heirs of W. D. Humphrey, deceased, by giving bond for \$10,000.00 with Charles Gregory, Asa A. Rhodes, and Henry W. Thompson, securities.<sup>52</sup>

At the August Court, it was ordered that Daniel Ambrose ,

Williams Humphrey, and James Glenn examine and settle the accounts of Thomas Battle, administrator of W. D. Humphrey, deceased, and report to the next court. (*Ibid.*) It was further ordered that the same committee value and divide the remaining negroes of W. D. Humphrey, deceased, among the lawful heirs thereof and return report to the next court.

Hill Humphrey, brother and surviving partner of W. D. Humphrey, was deceased in 1829; and in August, 1829, it was ordered that a division of negroes and lands of Lott Humphrey, deceased, be made.

The widow of W. D. Humphrey I, Susan Shackelford Humphrey, married Eli Cox, guardian of her children. He died within a short time, and his will was offered for probate in the November term of court, 1829. It was proved by the oath of W. S. Humphrey and Edward W. Cox.<sup>53</sup>

Eli Cox and Williams Cox were the sons of Moses Cox, who made his will on April 14, 1775. The first wife of Moses Cox was Hannah Williams.<sup>54</sup>

Eli Cox's will was dated October 8, 1829 and was proved in court, November 1829. The witnesses were W. S. Humphrey and James Pearce. Edward Cox was the executor. Eli Cox lent unto his beloved wife, Susan, all the property, negroes, stock of every description, furniture, and everything in his possession as administrator of her former husband's estate, which he received by intermarriage with her; and at her death, said property was to go to their child yet to be born . . . (but she was to pay her debts...). Susan was to have the crop made on the premises where he married her. She also received two of Eli's negroes and \$100.00. He gave the remainder of his own property to his sons, Edward W. Cox and Daniel N. Cox, and his daughter, Emily N. Cox.

Henry W. Thompson was appointed guardian of Franklin, William, Daniel, Whitehead, Susan, and Louisa Humphrey, heirs of White D. Humphrey I, with a bond of \$10,000.00. Samuel Frazel, Charles Thompson, Asa H. Rhodes, and James Thompson, junior, were securities. (Onslow County Court Minutes for November 1829, Historical Commission.) It was further ordered that Williams Humphrey, James Thompson, and Daniel Ambrose be appointed a committee to settle the accounts of Thomas Battle, administrator of White D. Humphrey, and report to the next court.

It was ordered, in the August Court, 1830, that Lot S. Humphrey be appointed guardian to the minor heirs of W. D. Humphrey, deceased, and give bond for \$10,000.00. Robert White and Williams Humphrey were securities.

In November, 1831, Lot S. Humphrey had paid out \$54.40 to S. S. Loomis for a school account; the guardian was due the estate \$48.00. In Book 19, page 109, Onslow County Court House, at Jacksonville, North Carolina, there is a record that the land of W. D. Humphrey I, consisting of 815 acres, as surveyed by B. T. Williams, was divided among Franklin, William, W. D. Humphrey II, Louisa, and Susan Humphrey.

Franklin S. Humphrey received the Askew Land as his share, and he paid the minor heirs money to make their portion equal. The date of this transaction was February 2, 1832. The commissioners were L. T. Oliver, L. House, William Humphrey, J. A. Averitt, and Lott Ballard.

Franklin Shackelford Humphrey, brother of Whitehead D. Humphrey II, was one of the first County Commissioners after Jacksonville became the county seat of Onslow County.<sup>55</sup> He married Mary Ann Murrell, December 17, 1833.<sup>56</sup> Their daughter, Alice Humphrey, married Dr. Nicholas E. Armstrong, who resided at Tar Landing, Onslow County, North Carolina.<sup>57</sup>

William S. Humphrey, another brother, married Pheribee Ward, sister of George Ward, born 1811, and daughter of Richard Ward, deceased in 1829.<sup>58</sup> (One William Humphrey married, February 1, 1833, Susan Miller of Duplin County, sister of Joseph Thomas Rhodes Miller. See Chapter 19.)

Susan Humphrey, sister of Whitehead Humphrey II, married Emanuel Frederick B. Koonce on December 20, 1843. Their daughter, India Koonce, who married John Marshburn, lives at Catherine Lake, North Carolina, and at eighty-eight years of age is enjoying her large family of descendants. She and her cousin, Georgia Humphrey Meacham, were brought up by their grandmother, Susan Shackelford Humphrey Cox. This fact and other family data have been given by her.<sup>59</sup>

Mary Cox, half-sister of Whitehead D. Humphrey II, was the daughter of Susan Shackelford Humphrey and Eli Cox. Mary Cox married (first) Bryant Berry, son of Bryant Berry and wife Mary Ambrose, and closely related to Kate Wallace Shackelford (Mrs. John W. Shackelford). She married (second) Shade Loftin of Kinston, North Carolina, to whose memory a stained glass window was placed in the First Baptist Church there.

Whitehead D. Humphrey II, son of Whitehead D. Humphrey I and Susan Shackelford, was born January 20, 1817. He married on May 4, 1837, Eliza Jane Sylvester, daughter of Nathaniel Sylvester III of North Carolina and Mary King.

Fraternally he was a Mason and for fifteen years before his death



was secretary of the Lafayette Lodge, No. 83 A. F. and A. M., in Jacksonville, Onslow County, North Carolina.

In the Onslow County Miscellaneous Court Papers (1771-1865), at the North Carolina Historical Commission, we find:

"W. D. Humphrey, Sheriff, settlement for 1847, \$1133.30"

"W. D. Humphrey, Sheriff, settlement for 1850, \$1300.14."

The records of Onslow County contain many references to him in his official capacity and in settlement of many estates and sales.

The United States Census for 1860, at Washington, D. C., lists as No. 306, Upper Southwest District, Catherine Lake P. O., W. D. Humphrey, aged 43, with \$3500.00 in real estate and \$25,000.00 in personal property. The family included Eliza Jane, aged 41; Mary Susan, 19; Nathaniel S., 15; W. D., junior, 13; Jane Eliza, 11; *George Franklin*, 8; John Williams, 6; Agnes Ward, 3; and Thomas King, overseer, 28.

John Williams Humphrey, now in his eighty-fourth year, remembers the spacious three story house, painted white, with plastered porch ceiling and winding stairs, which was the home of the family. It was situated at Southwest on the main road from Jacksonville, North Carolina, to Wilmington, North Carolina. On their march to Wilmington, the Federal Officers of the War between the States occupied the house and quartered the soldiers on the 500-acre estate. W. D. Humphrey II and Eliza Jane Humphrey together owned eighty slaves.

Whitehead D. Humphrey II's will on file in Onslow County Court House, at Jacksonville, North Carolina, was made on the day of his death, August 18, 1862. In it he expressed a desire that all of his debts should be paid, and specified which slaves should be sold for that purpose. He made his beloved wife, Eliza Jane Humphrey, his executrix, and she was to be assisted by his "trustworthy friend, Nathan Sylvester." He appointed his "trusty friends, Joshua G. Wright and Lotte W. Humphrey," to be his "true and lawful attorneys." The will was signed by W. D. Humphrey, and witnessed by Stephen Dixon and Z. M. Coston.

The following obituary appeared in one of the August, 1862, numbers of *The Wilmington Journal*, published at Wilmington, North Carolina. A printed copy of this is attached to the W. D. Humphrey Family Bible, which is now in the possession of John Williams Humphrey of Burgaw, North Carolina, the only surviving member of the family of W. D. Humphrey II.

"In Onslow County, on the 18th inst., Mr. W. D. Humphrey died. He was in the 45<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

"Seldom have we known one who exhibited, in higher degree,



the character of a good man than the excellent gentleman whose decease we have to record above. Modest and retiring in his disposition, he seemed to strangers distant and reserved, but to his friends and associates his character shone forth in all its native loveliness and virtue, arrayed in the light of its own inherent goodness. He was a good husband and a kind father.

"He was Sheriff of Onslow County for twelve years, and, as an officer, none excelled him. He leaves a bereaved wife, eight children, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their irreparable loss--and we hope their loss is his gain.

"The gentle sufferer bowed his head and met death smilingly.  
Oh, Lord, how could we give him up to any but Thee !"

After the death of her husband, Eliza Jane Sylvester Humphrey, built a home in Richlands, across the street from her father, Nathaniel Sylvester, and returned there to live until her death, December 25, 1871.

The will of Eliza Jane Humphrey is also found in the files of Onslow County Court House. It was made August 10, 1871 and probated October 7, 1875. The executor was her son, Whitehead D. Humphrey III. After the War between the States, it was not unusual for the planters, who had been accustomed to luxuries, to be lacking even the necessities of life; but in her will, Eliza Jane Humphrey stated that her daughters, Mary Susan Cox and Jane Eliza Mills, were amply provided for, and she bequeathed each of them the customary one dollar. She left the family bookcase to her son, Nathaniel Sylvester Humphrey. To her youngest daughter, Agnes Ward Humphrey, she bequeathed \$600.00, a bed and furniture, and directed that Agnes be taken care of and educated by Whitehead D. Humphrey III. To her sons, John Williams Humphrey and George Franklin Humphrey, as tenants in common, not joint, she left that portion of the Sylvester plantation near Richlands which was situated on the west side of the public road leading from New Bern to Wilmington. This land was described as beginning at the intersection of the Cross Fence, west of the Bridge Field, and running to the line of William Thomas Cox and James Harvey Cox, thence south with the Cox line to New River and back to the public road. When George Frank Humphrey reached the age of twenty-one, the property was to be equally divided between him and John Williams Humphrey. To her son, White D. Humphrey III, Eliza Jane Humphrey gave all the household furniture not otherwise bequeathed, and all real estate not otherwise bequeathed; but when George Franklin and John Williams Humphrey should arrive at the age of twenty-one, they were to select a bed and bedstead, a feather bed and furnishings. The land

which was given to Whitehead D. Humphrey lay mostly on Kinston Road. It began where the Cross Fence divided the field from the Bridge Field and ran a northeast course to Kinston Road, then to the New Bern and Wilmington Road as far as the Cross Fence.

Mary Susan Humphrey was educated at Clinton Female College, Clinton, North Carolina, where she studied music and art. She married Dr. Cader Cox, son of Harvey Cox, senior, and Mary Jane Thomas. (See Thomas Family.) Their daughter, Minnie Cox, educated at Peace Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina, married Water M. Thompson, who attended Trinity College, now Duke University. Walter M. Thompson represented Onslow County in the North Carolina Legislature and served as Superintendent of Public Instruction of Onslow County for many terms. The children of Minnie Cox Thompson and Walter M. Thompson are Mabel Thompson Humphrey, Agnes Thompson Humphrey, and Annie Thompson Williams, all of Burgaw, North Carolina, and Lena Thompson Dixon of Verona, North Carolina, Ruth Thompson Loftin, and Walter M. Thompson, junior.

Nathaniel Sylvester Humphrey married Fannie Foy, a descendant of James Harvey Foy and Henrietta Rhodes, daughter of Col. Henry Rhodes. Their only child was William Whitehead Humphrey (deceased), whose family resides at Richlands, North Carolina. Nathaniel Sylvester Humphrey and brother, Whitehead D. Humphrey III, attended Hornet's Military School at Oxford, North Carolina.

W. D. Humphrey III married Greensy Ann Cox, sister of Dr. Cader Cox. She died within a few years.

Jane Eliza Humphrey, an accomplished musician, married John W. Mills, son of Uzza Mills and Mary Brock. John W. Mills inherited a large estate and accumulated much property. For many years he represented the Richlands district as County Commissioner. John and Jane Eliza reared a large family: Uzza Whitehead Mills, Anne Sylvester Mills (deceased), William Clarence Mills, Estelle Mills Summersill, Cader Mills, Lee Mills (deceased), Eliza Jane Mills Sandlin, John W. Mills, junior, Leona Mills (Winstead) Jar-man, and Eugene Mills. Anne Mills married Robert Lee Franck, and left two children, Robert (since deceased) and Anne Franck. The latter married Major Charles Eddy (now deceased). She resides with her father in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

John Williams Humphrey married Margaret Player, daughter of Samuel Player and Rebecca Bannerman of Pender County, North Carolina, and their children are: Rosa Humphrey King (deceased), Rebecca Humphrey Wheeler, Robert Franklin Humphrey, John Shackelford

Humphrey, and C. Eugene Humphrey. Robert and Shackelford are successful merchants and extensive planters of Burgaw, North Carolina. Eugene Humphrey, owner of the Humphrey Motor Company, resides in Tampa, Florida, on the corner of the Bayshore Drive and South Edison Avenue.

George Franklin Humphrey was born at Southwest, near Richlands, Onslow County, North Carolina, on December 12, 1851. He was educated at Richlands Academy. He was a land owner and a farmer, also a merchant at Beulaville, Duplin County. He married Marenda Anne Thomas of that vicinity. They later made their home in New Bern, North Carolina, where he conducted a general mercantile business until a few years before his death on February 15, 1891 at Richlands. Upon returning to Richlands he resumed the management of his property and died a successful farmer.

G. F. Humphrey's will (penned by himself), as recorded in Onslow County Court House, Jacksonville, North Carolina, is as follows:

"I, George Franklin Humphrey, of the County of Onslow and the State of North Carolina, do make and publish and declare my last will and testament as follows: I give, devise, and bequeath to my wife, Annie, and her heirs, assigns forever, all my property and estate, whether real, personal or mixed, and I constitute and appoint my said wife the sole executrix of this will. In testimony whereof, I hereto sign my name this 10th day of December, A. D., 1888." It was signed by G. F. Humphrey and witnessed by N. Sylvester and W. D. Humphrey.

The Onslow County Will Book (page 250) shows that M. Annie Humphrey appeared before Charles Geroock, Clerk of the Superior Court, on March 20, 1891, and deposed that she was the executrix of the will of George Franklin Humphrey.

The children of George Franklin Humphrey and Marenda Anne Thomas are: Walter Davis Humphrey, Cyrus Thomas Humphrey, Annie Blanche Humphrey Abee, and Rodolph Jackson Humphrey.

The Humphrey lineage in Onslow County, North Carolina to W. D. Humphrey, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is:<sup>60</sup>

William Humphrey, born about 1720, died after 1793. He married, Sarah Wood, who died 1791.

Daniel Humphrey, born about 1750, died 1804. He married, Hester Williams, born about 1750, died after 1832.

Whitehead D. Humphrey I, born about 1787, died 1826. He married, Susan Shackelford, born about 1788.

Whitehead D. Humphrey II, born January 20, 1817, died August 18, 1862.  
He married, May 4, 1837, Eliza Jane Sylvester, born July 23, 1819, died  
December 25, 1871.

George Franklin Humphrey, born December 12, 1851, died February 15,  
1891. He married, February 11, 1875, Marenda Anne Thomas, born March  
15, 1856, died April 11, 1934.

W. D. Humphrey, born March 5, 1876.

W. D. Humphrey was born near Richlands, Onslow County, North Carolina, March 5, 1876; went to common school and high school in Richlands; spent two years at Bingham Military Academy, Asheville, North Carolina, and was graduated there with highest honor; studied law in the office of Hon. W. H. Kornegay, at Vinita, Indian Territory;<sup>61</sup> was admitted to the bar in September, 1901; opened a law office in Nowata, Indian Territory in *May*, 1902; was elected Mayor of Nowata in May, 1903, 1904, 1905, and 1906; was elected to the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention in November, 1906;<sup>62</sup> was appointed to membership on the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma in May, 1915;<sup>63</sup> was elected to that office in November, 1916;<sup>64</sup> became Chairman of that Commission; retired therefrom in May, 1919;<sup>65</sup> opened a law office in Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 1, 1921;<sup>66</sup> was appointed to membership on the Oklahoma Tax Commission in January, 1931,<sup>67</sup> and served four years.

W. D. Humphrey married Miss Eva Sudderth of Nowata, Indian Territory, on June 20, 1906. Their children are M. Ann and Martha W. Humphrey.<sup>68</sup>

M. Ann Humphrey married Herman Kopp, a professional chemist, on New Years, 1936. Daniel Humphrey Kopp, son of Herman Kopp and Ann Humphrey Kopp, was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 5, 1938.

W. D. Humphrey is a member of the bar of all Courts in Oklahoma, State and Federal, of the bar of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and for the Tenth Circuit, and of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. He is also a member of Sunset Lodge No. 57, A. F. and A. M., Nowata, Oklahoma; of Indian Consistory, Valley of South McAlester, Orient of Oklahoma, McAlester, Oklahoma; of Trinity Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and a member of Woodmen of the World, Sovereign Camp, Omaha, Nebraska; a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in the District of Columbia; and a member of the Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.<sup>69</sup> He was appointed by Governor Murray as a Colonel on his Staff.<sup>70</sup>

Cyrus Thomas Humphrey was born in Richlands, North Carolina, October 1, 1878. He was educated at Richlands Academy, and has been connected with the Postal Telegraph Company practically all of his business career. He married Miss Fannie Belle Nutt, born January 27, 1889, who is a daughter of John Henry Nutt and Fannie Marion Capehart Nutt. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan, and Woodmen of the World, fraternal organizations. Cyrus Thomas Humphrey and wife reside in their home, 2003 Central Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

Rodolph Jackson Humphrey was born on July 23, 1889, at Richlands, North Carolina. He began school in the graded schools of Charlotte, North Carolina, and later attended Baird's Military School there. He enlisted at Tampa, Florida, for service in the World War and was stationed at Vancouver, Washington. He was given serial number 896425, and served in Company 113 Engineers, 20th Spruce Squadron, Second Regiment, under Captain Morton, whose remarks, as well as those of Captain Frank Jones of the Quartermaster's Division, upon his honorable discharge on December 14, 1918, were that his "character was excellent and service honest and faithful." He has been connected for some time with the Bayless-Rankin Automobile Company, in Tampa. Rodolph Jackson Humphrey married, December 10, 1920, Marie Chase Nebel, born on January 8, 1894,

the daughter of Henry Albert Nebel and Mary Elizabeth Chase Nebel. Marie Nebel Humphrey was graduated in 1915 from the University of Wisconsin, where she was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority and in 1919 from the Gordon Keller Hospital of Tampa, Florida. They have two daughters, Helen Humphrey, born December 5, 1921, and Kathryn Humphrey, born June 24, 1923. Their home is at Limona, Florida, near Tampa.

Annie Blanche Humphrey was born August 15, 1886. She entered school at Richlands Academy, North Carolina, and later attended school in Charlotte, North Carolina, where upon completion of the high school work she won a scholarship for her scholastic attainments. Entering the Presbyterian College for Women, now Queens-Chicora College, she pursued during 1903-4-5-6 the work required there for an A. B. degree. After teaching in the graded schools of Nowata, Oklahoma, and in Ansonville Institute, a boarding school at Ansonville, North Carolina, she married on January 4, 1909, Frank Lee Abee, born August 5, 1882, the son of William Bartley Abee and Flora Isabella Hahn Abee of Hickory, North Carolina. In 1910 they went to Tampa, Florida, to reside. Blanche Humphrey Abee also holds a diploma for work completed at the Tampa Business College in 1915 and certificates for Standard Training Courses of The International



Council of Religious Education, the latter courses including all units required of teachers of Beginners Departments of the Southern Presbyterian Church School. She was superintendent of that department of the First Presbyterian Church of Tampa from 1912-1932. She served for five years as Secretary for local Home Missions in the same church, working particularly among the large Latin-American population of the city. From 1915-1925, she was connected with the Oscar A. Ayala Insurance Company, the largest insurance agency of that city, in the capacity of policy clerk and office manager;<sup>71</sup> and from 1926-1936 she held a similar position with the M. W. Carruth Insurance Company, the oldest insurance agency of Tampa.<sup>72</sup> For many years she has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Tampa, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the National Genealogical Society.

Florence Edwina Abee, the daughter of Blanche Humphrey Abee and Frank Lee Abee, was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on November 24, 1909. She attended the kindergarten of the English Classical School of Tampa, Florida, continued work in the graded schools, and was graduated in 1926 from Hillsborough High School in the same city. She was admitted into the National Honor Society for high scholastic attainment and outstanding qualities of leadership. Entering Florida State College for Women in 1926, she was graduated in 1930 with A. B. degree. She later attended Duke University from which she has received the degree of Master of Arts. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Tampa and is active in its organizations. She is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Florida Education Association, the Hillsborough County Teachers' Federation, The Tampa Teachers' Club, of which she was president in 1935, and the Tampa Junior Woman's Club, of which she is now president, having been corresponding secretary in 1937 and recording secretary in 1936. She was Director of the Children of Confederacy for the years 1931 and 1932.

William Williams Humphrey, one of the nine children of Daniel Humphrey and Hester Williams Humphrey, was born in 1789 and died in 1868. He was the only one of the sons of Daniel Humphrey to live beyond the 1830s. The Onslow County records show that he took an active part in the business and civic affairs of the county. He was executor of many estates, and one of the guardians of the children of his brother, Whitehead D. Humphrey I. By tradition he was fond of music, enjoyed the books in the spacious library of his luxurious home, and was kind to his many slaves.<sup>73</sup>

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A digest of the will of William Williams Humphrey (dated March 29, 1861), in which one hundred fifty slaves were bequeathed, follows:

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"I, William Humphrey, of the County of Onslow, State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory, . . . but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence., do make and declare this my last will and testament ....

"I lend unto my eldest son, Daniel Ambrose Humphrey, during his natural life and after his death to his children, forty slaves and all their increase. I have already given to my eldest son, Daniel Ambrose Humphrey, money to purchase the plantation whereon he now lives. (This was the "Hammocks" at Swansborough.)

"Item 2. I give and bequeath unto my grandchildren, Agnes W. Ward, Richard Ward, Daniel C. Ward, Robert Ward, and Edgar Ward, children of my well-beloved daughter, Ann Jane Ward, deceased, the following negroes and their increase, twenty slaves in all. I have already given my deceased daughter a deed of gift to a certain plantation which I now confirm, and a note of \$800.00 given to each of my above named grandchildren.

"Item 3. I give and bequeath to my youngest son, Lott Williams Humphrey, all that tract of land whereon I now live, with all improvements, household and kitchen furniture, library and books. Said land lies adjacent to the New Bern-to-Wilmington road in the County of Onslow. I have already given a deed of gift to my son, Lott W. Humphrey, his heirs and assigns, for all the lands on the west side of said New Bern-and-Wilmington road, also land on the east side of the Swansborough road. I hereby confirm the gifts of deeds, also fifty-nine slaves to him and his heirs forever.

"Item 4. I give to my son, Daniel Ambrose Humphrey, and to my son, Lott Williams Humphrey, my man-servant William (Blacksmith), he to choose between the two for his master, the other to receive one-half his value.

"Item 5. I give to my well-beloved son, Lott Williams Humphrey, all my blacksmith tools and farming implements, also ample support for himself and family for one year, out of the stock, crop, and provisions, also his selection of seven horses and mules. The remainder of my stock, crop, and provisions I give and bequeath to my sons, Daniel Ambrose Humphrey and Lott Williams Humphrey, to be equally divided between them as they may deem proper.

"Item 6. I lend unto my grandson, John W. Shackelford, twenty-three slaves and all their increase until he arrives at the age of twenty-one. Should he never arrive at that age, they are to go to my sons, Daniel Ambrose Humphrey and Lott Williams Humphrey.



"Item 7. I give and bequeath to my grandson, William H. Humphrey, son of Daniel Ambrose Humphrey, two negro slaves and their increase and \$2,000.00.

"Item 8. After the paying of the \$2,000.00, I give and bequeath all my notes and accounts as follows: one-third to my son, Daniel Humphrey, one-third to my son, Lott Williams Humphrey, one-third to my grandson, John W. Shackelford, until he comes of age.

"Item 9. Whereas the grandsons, William H. Humphrey and John W. Shackelford, are minors, the former about seven and the latter about sixteen years old, it is my wish that my son, Daniel Ambrose Humphrey, shall have the custody of the estate which I have provided for my grandson, his son, William H. Humphrey. It is also my wish that Lott W. Humphrey shall have charge of the estate that I have provided for my grandson, John W. Shackelford, until he becomes or arrives at the age of twenty-one and that the said grandson shall provide out of his estate a sufficient amount of money for his maintenance.

"I appoint my son, Daniel Ambrose Humphrey, and my son, Lott Williams Humphrey, my lawful executors to this my last will and testament.

Witnesses: William Williams Humphrey  
Uzza Mills  
Benjamin Southerland

March 29, 1861." <sup>74</sup> (Book 3, page 1, Onslow County Court House Records, at Jacksonville, North Carolina; original will in the H file.)

The United States Census for 1860, at Washington, D. C., lists Williams Humphrey as 68 years of age, a farmer, with \$15,000.00 in real estate and \$91,000.00 in personal property. Included in his family are: L. W. Humphrey, aged 30, professor of law, with \$500.00 in real estate and \$5,000.00 in personal property; John Shackelford, aged 15; and Eliza H. Humphrey, aged 4.

The wife of William Williams Humphrey was Rebecca Ambrose, daughter of Daniel Ambrose. She was born in 1789 and died October 5, 1857. Her brother, Silas Ambrose, married Esther Humphrey, daughter of Daniel Humphrey. The following appears in Book 2, page 179, Onslow County records, at the North Carolina Historical Commission: "Silas and Esther Ambrose sold to Lott Humphrey the ninth part of land whereon Daniel Humphrey, the father of Esther Ambrose, lived." Also in the same records for March 1, 1814 (Court Minutes for that date), is recorded the sale of the old Ambrose property to Shadrack and Silas Ambrose.

In *Book A*, page 201, of Craven County Marriage Certificates can be seen that Esther Ambrose married on March 1, 1800, Gabriel VI. Rains. General Gabriel J. Rains, born June 1803, in New Bern, was head of the Torpedo and Harbor Defense Bureau of the Confederacy. "John Rains, an elder brother of Gen. Gabriel and Col. George W. Rains of the Confederate Army, represented Marengo County, Alabama, in both branches of the General Assembly; died in 1841 . . . (Willis Brewer's *History of Alabama*, page 375.)

The Daniel Humphrey plantation in Onslow adjoined the Averitt property. James Battle Averitt, author of *The Old Plantation* depicting life in the South on the Averitt Plantation before the War between the States, was a brother of Sarah Amanda Averitt, who married Dr. John Bradley. Rebecca Bradley, daughter of the last named, was the first wife of Colonel Lotte Williams Humphrey of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

In Lewis' *History of North Carolina*, Volume VI, pages 149-152, there is a lengthy article on the life of Colonel Lotte Williams Humphrey, son of William Williams Humphrey, and grandson of Daniel Humphrey. He was born in Richlands, North Carolina, June 30, 1830. The article says:

"Colonel Humphrey was a man of fine intelligence, quick decision, noble patriotism, disinterested motives, a lawyer, soldier, and public leader of power and influence .... He was elected in 1854, Democrat, to the State House of Commons and was re-elected in 1856; elected to the State Senate in 1858 and 1860, and was a leader in this body.... *He was* lieutenant and organizer of the *Gatlin Dragoons*, later Captain of the *Humphrey Troops* in 1862. He was elected Colonel of General Clingman's Forty-first State Troops, Third Regiment, Cavalry, under Governor Martin.... In 1863 he was elected Solicitor of Onslow County, North Carolina .... He moved after the fall of New Bern to Davie County, North Carolina .... His first wife, Rebecca Bradley died in 1858 .... In 1863 he married Ida Magee Clingman, daughter of Dr. Henry Patillo Clingman and Emily Meer Magee. Ida was the sister of Nixon P. Clingman, poet ....

In 1864 he returned to Onslow County to live .... In 1865 he went to Goldsboro, Wayne County, North Carolina, from which county he was elected as Senator in 1872 He was President of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. He died February 12, 1891 . . ."

Eliza Hill Humphrey, daughter of Colonel Lotte W. Humphrey and Rebecca Bradley, was married on November 26, 1874, to Furnifold McLendall Simmons (born January 20, 1854), United States Senator for a period of thirty years. (See Franck Family.)

Ada Humphrey, the daughter of Colonel Lotte W. Humphrey and Ida Magee Clingman, married Colonel Joseph Robinson, owner and editor of the News-Argus, of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Other children by the second marriage are Dr. Lyndon Humphrey of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Lotte W. Humphrey, Don C. Humphrey, and Earle Ambrose Humphrey, attorneys, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Paul C. Humphrey.

Daniel Ambrose Humphrey, brother of Colonel Lotte Williams Humphrey, and grandson of Daniel Humphrey of the Revolution, was the father of Mary Renu Humphrey, who, with her husband Dr. Butler, served with distinction in Brazil for thirty-five years as missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian Church. His son William Hugh Humphrey married Sarah Elizabeth Lane and they were the parents of William Lane Humphrey, Hugh Miller Humphrey (deceased), Mary Harrison Humphrey of Goldsboro, North Carolina, Clen Simmons Humphrey of Brooklyn, New York, Harry Lane Humphrey (deceased), and Charles Aycock Humphrey of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Of Hugh Humphrey, *Lewis History of North Carolina*, in Volume 5, says:

"Hugh Miller Humphrey, of Goldsboro, Wayne County, North Carolina, was born July 15, 1876. He is the son of Hugh Humphrey and Sarah Elizabeth Lane Humphrey. His people were identified with the very early Colonial days in North Carolina. His father was a United States Commissioner and Justice of the Peace. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, Masonic Order, Odd Fellows, and Algonquin Club, and in business he has represented successfully for many years the Montpelier Insurance Company of Vermont. He married Miss India Baumgardner."

Mrs. Hugh M. Humphrey and Miss Mary Humphrey reside at 105 North George Street, in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Lott Humphrey, brother of Whitehead Humphrey I, made his will on October 6, 1823. The original can be seen in the files of Onslow County Court House. A digest of it follows:

To his wife, Anne or Nancy, he bequeathed four negroes, two beds and furniture, clothes trunk, two large chests, three arm chairs, and six Windsor chairs, one pair of candlesticks, one pair of cast iron fire dogs, one pair of shovels and tongs, coffee mill, all of the crockery and pewter ware, knives and forks, half dozen silver spoons marked LAH, one breakfast and one dining table, all of the kitchen furniture, one bay mare, one crop-eared horse, one hundred dollars in money, and provisions for one year. During her widowhood, he lent her the whole plantation he bought from her brother, Lott Ballard.

To his daughter, Teresa Hatch, he gave \$20.00. To Eldah L. Humphrey, another daughter, he bequeathed furniture, clothes trunk, side saddle and bridle, half-dozen teaspoons, half-dozen silver tablespoons, negroes and findings, all of his library, his Manor Plantation, (Brick House) and land. To his other daughters, Minnie (Minerva), Susan, and Olive, he left/and and negroes. He appointed his brother, Williams Humphrey, James Gibson, and Daniel Ambrose as executors of his will and the guardians of his children. He directed his executors to have the big house removed out to the place designated (far enough to enclose the same in the Hall-Olive plantation) and refitted with chimney.

The witnesses were Lyge Ballard and Moses Jarman. The will is recorded in Book 2, page 30 (1824), in the Onslow County Court House Records for that year.

Olive Branch Humphrey married John Pollock; and Dr. John A. Pollock of Kinston, North Carolina, was their son.

Minerva Humphrey married in 1828 Judge Jacob Johnston Doty; their son, Dr. Jacob Johnston Doty was the father of Florence Doty Stephenson (wife of the late Dr. C. B. Stephenson), of Winona, Mississippi, where her family lived after leaving Tennessee to which they moved from North Carolina. (Statements in letter of Florence D. Stephenson, dated March, 1938.)

Susan Humphrey married Lemuel Doty, eldest brother of Judge Jacob Johnston Doty, both of whom were born in Raleigh, North Carolina, but moved first to Tennessee and then to Mississippi.

Eldah Humphrey married Daniel Shackelford. There is a record, dated August 7, 1826 (Book 45, page 22), Onslow County, that "Eldah Shackelford, widow of Daniel Shackelford, and Eli W. Ward intend marriage." It is said that Daniel Shackelford married in 1824 the daughter of Lott Humphrey of Onslow County after the death of his first wife, Catherine Ernul, whose daughter, Mary Shackelford, married Lot S. Humphrey, son of Lott Humphrey, senior, on February 6, 1828. (Our Living and Our Dead and Book A, page 589, Craven County Marriage Certificates.) In the same Book A, page 553, is the marriage certificate of Eldah Shackelford and Eli Ward, August 8, 1826. William Williams Humphrey was first appointed to hold Eldah's dower, but on March 13, 1832, Lot S. Humphrey was appointed "to act in place of Williams Humphrey in holding dower rights of Eldah Ward, wife of Eli Ward." <sup>75</sup>

Lott S. Humphrey, brother of Eldah, Minerva, and Susan Humphrey, also went to Tennessee and later to Mississippi. Whitehead D. Humphrey II in his will appointed two attorneys

to represent the executrix. One was Colonel Lotte Williams Humphrey, his first cousin. The other was Joshua Grainger Wright. He characterized them as his "trusty friends."

One Thomas Wright, on April 20, 1791, made the welcoming address at Wilmington, North Carolina, to General Washington on his tour through the South. ?? home was used as Headquarters for Lord Cornwallis while he was in Wilmington.<sup>76</sup>

One Thomas Wright married Elizabeth Humphrey, daughter of John Humphrey of Brunswick County, Virginia, who made his will on April 18, 1738, wherein he mentioned sons, John, Thomas, Richard, and William Humphrey.

Reference has heretofore been made to one John Humphrey<sup>77</sup> in connection with one Robert Humphrey, and to that Robert Humphrey in connection with one Evan Humphrey, who was a tithable in Surly County, Virginia, as early as 1679. That Evan Humphrey came to Virginia as a colonist. (See pages 10 and 37, ante; and see Surry County Order Book, 1681-1693, page 353.) The said Evan Humphrey was a free-holder in Surry County, Virginia, in 1687; and in that year he was a member of the Virginia Militia. (See William and Mary Quarterly, Volume II, page 86.)

In Dr. Frederick Humphreys' book on the Humphreys family, it is shown that Daniel and Jacob are names often seen in the Connecticut and Pennsylvania branches of the family. William Humphrey of Onslow County, North Carolina, had sons Jacob, Daniel, and William. One Jacob Humphrey, who also had a son Jacob, lived in the same community in Onslow and, apparently, was a brother of the elder William. The recurrence of the name Jacob might indicate the possibility of a Jacob Humphrey ancestral to the elder William and the elder Jacob. Reference has been made to Jacob Humphrey of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and the probability of emigration of the family, along with others, to North Carolina (page 9) ; to will of John Humphrey of St. Andrews Parish, Virginia, made in 1738, mentioning sons William, John, Thomas, and Charles but *no Jacob* (page 11) ; to tax list for 1748, Lunenburg County, Virginia, carrying said names (excluding Jacob), and also names of Daniel Humphreys, William Wood, Richard Ward, John Ambrose, and John Ellis (page 11) ; to William Humphrey and Jacob Humphrey (only Humphreys there mentioned) being interested in an Estate Settlement in 1785-1787 (page 15); to exemption of William Humphrey and Jacob Humphrey from poll tax in 1787 when sixty years old :(page 15) : and it would seem that the names William Humphrey, Jacob Humphrey, and Daniel Humphrey would as likely associate the name of their father *William Humphrey* with some other line as with

that running back to William Humphrey, brother of John, Thomas, and Charles, who were sons of John Humphrey of Brunswick County, Virginia, and possibly descendant of Evan Humphrey of Surry County, Virginia, from which many citizens came down into North Carolina.

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#### XXVIII ADDENDA

"The name of Homfray is derived from French words *homme vrai* . . .

"*The Homfreys were distinguished amongst the soldiers of the Cross, and they were eminent in the early wars of the Plantagenet Kings .... The portrait of John Homfrey, living in 1390, and a gallant warrior of that day, is preserved in the British Museum.*" (Book on the *Humphrey Family* by Dr. Frederick Humphreys.)

"*By most diligent research it has been determined that the oldest house in New England stands in Swampscott. The house is the identical structure that was built and occupied by John Humphrey in 1637 or possibly in 1634, who was assistant of Governor Winthrop, or Lieutenant Governor, a man of wealth and learning.*" . . . Bernard Patterson. (Notes of Martha Humphreys Maltby, Genealogist, Kansas City, Missouri.)

"All through the township of Haverford, the Humphreys were numerous. The old town of Bryn Mawr was Humphreyville .... You can not enter the old Quaker burying ground, where the grave-stones of the Humphrey family are in double lines, without being impressed by the fact that in former days the Humphrey family dominated that section of Delaware County, Pennsylvania." (Hon. Hampton L. Carson, *The Humphrey Family*.)

"Daniel Humphrey came from Llanegrin, Merioneth, Wales, in 1682 and settled in Haverford." (Publications of Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Volume 4, page 290.)

"Joseph Humphrey lived in Darby as early as 1684. He after-wards moved to Philadelphia. Died 1693. *Ibid.*" John Thomas Humphreys married Alice Connor on September 9, 1734." (Christ Church Philadelphia Marriages, page 140, History of Chester Co.)

"Sarah Humphreys married John Thomas, September 6, 1762." (Ibid.)

"Descendants of Michael Humphrey were numerous in the Revolutionary War General David Humphrey was aid to General Washington. The Humphreys were brave and patriotic. . . There were certain characteristics which seem to have distinguished the Humphrey family for several generations: amiability, gentleness of disposition, ease, dignity, and Urbanity of manners." (Hon. Hampton L. Carson, *The Humphrey Family*.)

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*Sources Of Data (Colonists of Carolina)*

- <sup>1</sup> See Bohun, *Encyclopaedia Britannica*; Dr. Frederick Humphreys, *Humphreys Family in America; Americana*, Volume 22, page 370; *National Encyclopedia of American Biography*, Volume 7, page 282; Burke, *Landed Gentry*; Gentry, *Family Names*; and *Address of Hon. Hampton L. Carson*, Library of Daughters of American Revolution, Washington, D. C.
- <sup>2</sup> McKenna, *Surnames and their Origin*, 1913; Bardsley, *English Surnames*, 1875; *Encyclopedia Americana*, 1932.
- <sup>3</sup> Dr. Frederick Humphreys, *Humphreys Family in America*, Addenda.
- <sup>4</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>5</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>6</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>7</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>8</sup> Charles Browning, *Americans of Royal Descent*, Pedigree CXXIX; *Notebook of Mrs. Arthur I. Maltby*, Genealogist, Member of National Committee Genealogical Research, D.A.R. and Past Regent; Colonial Dames of America; Daughters of American Colonists; United Daughters of Confederacy; Missouri Historical Society; Order of First Crusades; Order of First Families of Virginia.
- <sup>9</sup> Winthrop's Journal (1630-1649) Volume 1, page 127.
- <sup>10</sup> See No. 8 – Ibid.
- <sup>11</sup> Nell Marion Nugget, *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, pages 148 and 211; *Chr Church Register*, pages 29 and 198; Land Grant Office of Virginia; *Virginia Wills and Administration*; and other Deed and Order Books at Virginia Archives, or reason given there for non-existence.
- <sup>12</sup> Land Grant Office, Book 6, page 125; Nugget, *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, page 465, Patent Book No. 5.
- <sup>13</sup> Charles City County Records (1655-1668), page 302, Virginia Archives
- <sup>14</sup> Lancaster County Records (Photostat copy of deeds), pages 120 and 159 Virginia Archives, Richmond.
- <sup>15</sup> *Valentine Papers*, page 1298; Henrico County Records, page 338, *Ibid.*
- <sup>16</sup> *Valentine Papers*, page 1299; Henrico County Records, page 436, Virginia.
- <sup>17</sup> *Virginia Historical Magazine*, Volume 29, page 22.
- <sup>18</sup> *Surry County Book 1*, page 379 (1652-72), Court Home, Surry, Virginia.
- <sup>19</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>20</sup> Ibid. – Order Book No. 3, page 26, dated March 17, 1713 Court.
- <sup>21</sup> L. C. Bell, *Sun Light on the Southside*.
- <sup>22</sup> Grimes, *Abstract of Wills*, page 176, Albemarle County, North Carolina.
- <sup>23</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>24</sup> Chowan County Court Home, *Book A*, page 170, dated April 1, 1771.
- <sup>25</sup> Hathaway, *Historical and Genealogical Records*, page 484.
- <sup>26</sup> Craven County, North Carolina, *Court Minutes, CR 28-043 (1767-1775)*, April Court 1767, pages 49 and 68, at Historical Commission, Raleigh.
- <sup>27</sup> *Surry County courthouse Records*, Virginia, *Book 7*, page 485.
- <sup>28</sup> Onslow County Wills and Court Minutes and in subsequent paragraphs.
- <sup>29</sup> Grimes, *Abstract of Wills*, page 176
- <sup>30</sup> *Colonial Records of North Carolina*, Volume XXII, page 324.
- <sup>31</sup> Records in Sampson County, at Clinton, North Carolina, *Book 2*, page 137.
- <sup>32</sup> Bertie County Court House, Windsor, North Carolina, *Book 9*, page 480; Onslow County, North Carolina, Court Minutes for 1748 at Historical Commission, Raleigh.
- <sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, for January 1788.
- <sup>34</sup> Onslow County *Will File* at the Jacksonville Court House, North Carolina
- <sup>35</sup> This is the first time Daniel has been called "son."
- <sup>36</sup> Plat containing names and numbers for each child in an old Onslow Book at the Historical Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- <sup>37</sup> Onslow County Court Records, 1738-1859, CR 72-044, at the Historical Commission.
- <sup>38</sup> *Guardian Bonds*, *ibid.*
- <sup>39</sup> Onslow County Book 3, page 212, *ibid.*
- <sup>40</sup> *Manual of North Carolina*, 1913, State Library, Raleigh.
- <sup>41</sup> Old *Will File* in Onslow County Court House, Jacksonville.
- <sup>42</sup> Onslow County Court House Records, *Book 6*, page 7, Jacksonville, North Carolina.



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<sup>43</sup> *Ibid*, page 153.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid*, Deed Book 3, page 4.

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>46</sup> Onslow County Records, Volume X, page 57 (1818-1827), at the Historical Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina.

<sup>47</sup> *Ibid*, page 69.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>49</sup> *Ibid*, page 71.

<sup>50</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>51</sup> Onslow County Court Minutes (1827-1832) at the Historical commission

<sup>52</sup> *Ibid*, page 11.

<sup>53</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>54</sup> *Ibid*, *Wills 1746-1863*.

<sup>55</sup> F. L. Morris, *Onslow One of Oldest Counties, Rich in History and Romance*, in Raleigh News and Observer, April 14, 1935, page 7; Onslow County Court Minutes at the Historical Commission.

<sup>56</sup> *Old Marriage Bonds* at the North Carolina Historical Commission; and letter of Maggie Armstrong Simpson

<sup>57</sup> Letter of Maggie Armstrong Simpson.

<sup>58</sup> Onslow County Records of December 19, 1833 at the courthouse in Jacksonville, North Carolina, recorded on May 27, 1834

<sup>59</sup> Onslow Court Records and Statements of Mrs. John Marshburn, Catherine's Lake, North Carolina.

<sup>60</sup> Known dates are from the Whitehead D. Humphrey Family Bible at Burgaw, North Carolina, and from the George Franklin Humphrey Bible at Tampa, Florida; other dates are from Onslow County Records.

<sup>61</sup> Hon. W. H. Kornegay is a graduate from Wake Forest College, from the Law School of Vanderbilt University, and from the Law School of the University of Virginia. He has served as a member of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention, and as a member of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma.

<sup>62</sup> J. B. Thoburn, *Standard History of Oklahoma*, pages 914, 923, 925, 929, and 936; published 1916.

<sup>63</sup> Governor R. L. Williams made the appointment. He served as member of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention and was the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma. At the end of his term as Governor, President Wilson appointed him as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. Judge Williams is now (1938) a member of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

<sup>64</sup> See Number 62 above.

<sup>65</sup> Col. W. V. Thraves of Lexington, Kentucky, soon after the resignation of W. D. Humphrey from the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma, employed him as attorney and counselor for an enterprise Col. Thraves was in at the time. The latter, a native of Amelia County, Virginia, practiced law at Nowata, Oklahoma, when W. D. Humphrey was there located. Col. Thraves was engaged in producing oil in Kentucky and in Texas in the years 1919 and 1920; and he is now (1938) raising thoroughbred horses on Long Ridge Plantation, Lexington, Kentucky.

<sup>66</sup> On January 1, 1921, Hon. W. J. Campbell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who was formerly a member of the bar at Nowata, Oklahoma, and who had served as District Judge in the Nowata District, and W. D. Humphrey formed a partnership for the practice of law in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which continued until the latter became a member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

<sup>67</sup> Governor W. H. Murray made that appointment. Hon. Melven Cornish, Hon. W. D. Humphrey, and Hon. W. B. Hudson organized the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and conducted it for two years, when upon the decease of Hon. W. B. Hudson he was succeeded by Hon. John T. Bailey. The Commission as then constituted continued to the end of the term of Governor Murray.

<sup>68</sup> Hon. W. D. Humphrey and Mrs. Humphrey reside at 1148 South Peoria Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The latter is a daughter of A. E. Sudderth and Emily Norton Sudderth of Peach Tree Road, on Hiawassee River, Murphy, Cherokee County, North Carolina. M. Ann Humphrey is married to Mr. Herman Kopp of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

<sup>69</sup> W. D. Humphrey lives at the Cosmos Club when in Washington, D. C.

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<sup>70</sup> This appointment was made in 1934.

<sup>71</sup> "Oscar Augustus Ayala, General Agent of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of whose Half Million Dollar Club he was a member in 1925, is one of the most influential citizens of Tampa .... Mr. Ayala for many years was engaged in insurance of all kinds and his business was remarkably successful, increased from \$8000.00 in premiums in 1916 to more than \$500,000.00 in 1925 .... He is past president of the Florida Association of Life Underwriters, Tampa Insurors Exchange, and Seminole Civic Club; a former active member of the Rotary Club; a member of the County Commission of Hillsborough County 1921-1924 and Chairman of the Board for one year; has served on the board of directors and as officer of various corporations and banks .... He is vice-president and chairman of the finance committee Morris Plan Company of Tampa, vice-president of Tampa Real Estate Board, and a member of National Association of Life Underwriters. He is a member of all local Masonic bodies including Shrine. He is also a member of the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Tampa Yacht and Country Club, the Tampa Chamber of Commerce, the Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla, the Cuban Club, the Italian Club, the Centro Asturiano, the Spanish Casino, and other benevolent and civic groups ....

"Mr. Ayala was born September 18, 1888, the son of Gabriel Ayala, a pioneer citizen of Key West, Florida, who married the daughter of General Pedro Figueredo, the author of the national hymn of Cuba .... He traces his ancestry back to Pedro Lopez de Ayaia, Spanish poet and historian, and a noble of the court of Peter the Cruel; also to Juan de Ayala, lieutenant of the Royal Navy of Spain." (Tampa Morning Tribune, *Builders of Tampa*, March 6, 1926; and *The Jeffersonian*, November, 1937.)

<sup>72</sup> "Melville William Carruth, prominent in Tampa banking and insurance circles for half a century, was the son of the Rev. Thomas A. and Mary Herring Carruth, and was descended from... pioneer Florida families, distinguished in early American history. He was president of the old American National Bank of Tampa from 1904 to 1919 and director of the old Citizens Bank and Trust Company and the First Savings/md Trust Company. He was director and vice-president of the Mutual Realty and Investment Company and director and vice-president of the Gulf Fertilizer Company .... Entering the insurance business with his father in 1887, Mr. Carruth continued in that field throughout his life .... He was a member of the Methodist Church, a charter member of the Tampa Yacht and Country Club and the Tampa Board of Trade, and was a former member of Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla. He was a member of Hillsboro Masonic Lodge and a Shriner. Active in charitable and civic fields, he was a director, since its organization, of the Children's Home of Tampa and took interest in numerous community projects "(Tampa Morning Tribune; E. L. Robinson, *History of Hillsborough County, Florida*, pages 206-207. The Record Company Printers, Saint Augustine, Florida, 1928.) "Quiet, unassuming, true to friendships and obligations, Mr. Carruth exercised a helpful influence in commercial, social, and community affairs "(Excerpt from a lengthy Editorial, Tampa Morning Tribune.) William Melville Carruth was born September 13, 1861, and died May 20, 1937.

<sup>73</sup> John Williams Humphrey, Burgaw, North Carolina.

<sup>74</sup> Onslow County Court House, *Book 3*, page 1, original will in H file.

<sup>75</sup> *Ibid*, Book 49, page 49.

<sup>76</sup> Archibald Henderson, *Washington's Southern Tour*, 1791.

<sup>77</sup> See page 11, post.

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***End of Excerpt from "Colonists of Carolina", by Blanche Humphrey, Abee. 1938.***

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## **Appendix B Excerpts from The Heritage of Onslow County**

### **Nathan William Humphrey Family Article 382**

Nathan William Humphrey, son of Esther Humphrey, was born Feb. 11, 1829; died May 16, 1900. He married Aliff S. Rhodes who was born May 15, 1840; died May 20, 1906. Nathan and Aliff were married on September 21, 1858.

Their children were Henry, George Washington, Lizzie Foy, Aliff Rebecca Wilkerson, Nathan, Nancy Ellen Walton, Woodhouse Barnabe, Nathan B. who died in infancy, and John.

Very little is known about Nathan's life. He was raised by a slave, Peter Bradley, who refused to leave the family even after he was freed. Peter lived with the family until he died at the age of 117. Nathan had several brothers and sisters: William W., Elizabeth, Allen, George Washington, Tabatha Ann Brinson, and Sarah Rochelle.

Nathan was unable to fight in the Civil War because of a withered arm. He died in 1900 while his granddaughter, Ruth Humphrey Pittman, played at his feet.

*Sources: Onslow Co. court records; family traditions. -- Eloise Walton*

### **Humphrey Family Article 383**

The name Humphrey is thought to be of Norman origin. It is said that a kinsman, friend and follower of William the Conqueror became known as Humphrey after he settled in England. For the next 300 years the Humphreys held estates near the border of Wales.

William Humphrey, the first of that name to come to America, arrived in Virginia in October of 1643, on the ship of Lt. William Worleidge. The Virginia Archives gives reference to one William Humphrey living in Gloucester County, Virginia, in the year of 1643.

Records show two related Humphrey families came from Virginia to Onslow County, one through Pasquotank and Craven Counties, the other, through Halifax and Bertie Counties. In 1729, Robert Humphrey and his wife Elizabeth, sold their homeplace in Bertie County, North Carolina to Nathan Joiner; the deed is dated February 2, 1729. Robert and Elizabeth came into Onslow County and purchased 140 acres on the south side of New River, which was a part of a grant to William Williams of Onslow County. Later this land was deeded to William Humphrey. It is through this William Humphrey of Onslow that this line of the Humphrey family is traced in this article.

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The children of William Humphrey and his wife Sarah were: William Humphrey, Jr., Jacob Humphrey who served in the Onslow Militia in 1754, and Daniel Humphrey, who married Hester Williams. Also in the household was Jacob Wood, a son of Sarah's by a former marriage.

Jacob Humphrey served in the North West Company of the Onslow Militia, under the command of Capt. John Shackelford and Lt. Thomas Johnston.

Daniel Humphrey, son of William and Sarah, was born in 1750. He enlisted in the service of the Revolutionary War on March 18, 1776, and served for two and one-half years. He was very ill at Valley Forge and was discharged in September of 1778. Daniel Humphrey returned to Onslow and took up a land grant of 160 acres on the west side of the Northwest Branch of New River. He was soon married to Hester Williams, daughter of Jesse Williams of Onslow. Daniel and Hester were the parents of nine children: Cyrene who married Hardy Gregory, Daniel, Jr., Lott, Whitehead D., Hill, Williams, Polly, Jesse, and Esther Humphrey. Two of these sons represented Onslow in the House of Commons. Lott Humphrey was Onslow's Representative in 1812 and his brother, Whitehead Humphrey I, was elected to the same position in the year of 1821.

When Lott Humphrey made his will in 1823, he named his brother, Williams Humphrey as his Executor. He also mentioned the land he purchased from his wife's brother, Lott Ballard. Lott Humphrey's children were: Olive, Elda, Minerva, and Theresa Humphrey who married a Hatch.

Hester (Williams) Humphrey, widow of Daniel Humphrey, was soon married to John Giles. She made a final settlement with the Daniel Humphrey heirs in 1832. When John Giles died the court ordered the lands of John Giles (deceased) to be divided between the widow Giles and his son by his first marriage, so as to give her 1/3 of the land, commonly known as the Daniel Humphrey Plantation. But she did inherit the Obed Williams Plantation, in which she "held 1/2 interest forever," and the Shine Plantation. John Giles is buried in an overgrown cemetery, two and one-half miles west of Comfort, North Carolina, in an unmarked grave.

Whitehead D. Humphrey I, son of Daniel Humphrey & Hester Williams, inherited land on Cowhorn Road and the west bank of New River. He married Susan Shackelford, daughter of George and Mary (Shine) Shackelford.

Whitehead & his brother Hill Humphrey operated a mercantile business in Upper Richlands. In the tax list of 1825, Whitehead listed: 5 Whites, 20 Slaves, and 1000 acres of land, valued at more than \$5,500.00.

Two years later, in 1827, Whitehead's estate listed by the administrator of his estate (Whitehead now deceased) as 1300 acres, value \$8500.00. Eli Cox was appointed as guardian for the Humphrey children.

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Whitehead's two brothers, Hill & Lott Humphrey, both died within the next year. Whitehead's widow, Susan, was soon married to Mr. Eli Cox, guardian of her children. Mr. Cox died a short time later. He had already assigned property over to his unborn child, also to his wife, Susan. When the baby was born she was given the name Mary Cox.

In the meantime, Henry W. Thompson was appointed guardian to the Humphrey children. Thomas Battle was named as Administrator of the estate of the late Eli Cox by the Onslow Court.

Mary Cox, the daughter that Eli never lived to see, was first married to Bryant Berry, son of Bryant Berry, Sr. and his wife, Mary Ambrose. She married second, Shade Loftin of Kinston, N.C., to which a stained glass window was placed in his honor, in the First Baptist Church in Kinston.

*Source: Encyclopedia Britannica; Virginia Archives and History; Onslow County records; military, wills, deeds, etc.*

*-- Mrs. Roscoe Taylor*

### **Whitehead D. Humphrey I Family Article 384**

Whitehead D. Humphrey I, was born about 1787, the son of Daniel Humphrey and Hester Williams Humphrey. He married Susan Shackleford, daughter of George Shackleford and Mary (Shine) Shackleford. Whitehead Humphrey and Susan were the parents of three sons and one daughter.

Franklin Shackleford Humphrey, the eldest son, was one of the first County Commissioners when Jacksonville became the County seat. When his father's estate was settled he inherited the Askew land, in Feb. of 1832, and paid money to the minor heirs to make their portion equal to his own. On Dec. 17, 1833, Franklin Shackleford Humphrey was married to Mary Ann Murrill, with B. M. Barry signing the Marriage Bond. Their daughter, Alice Humphrey, married Dr. Nicholas E. Armstrong and they lived in a lonely old house at Tar Landing in Onslow County (the house is still standing today - 1982).

The second son of Whitehead Humphrey I, was Williams Shackleford Humphrey who married Pheribee Ward, daughter of the Richard Ward who died in 1829, and sister of George Ward. After the death of Pheribee, W. S. Humphrey was married to Susan Miller of Duplin County and they made their home in Onslow. Susan was the sister of Joseph Thomas Rhodes Miller.

The daughter of Whitehead Humphrey I, Susan Humphrey, was married to Emanuel Frederick B. Koonce on Dec. 20, 1843, with John Martin Frank, signing the Marriage Bond. Their daughter, India Koonce and her cousin, Georgia Humphrey were reared by their grandmother, Susan Shackleford Humphrey Cox. India married John Marshburn and lived at Catherine Lake all of her ninety years.

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Whitehead D. Humphrey II (1817-1862) was the youngest son of Whitehead D. Humphrey I and wife Susan Shackelford. He was married to Eliza Jane Sylvester, daughter of Nathan Sylvester III and wife Mary King Sylvester.

*Source: Onslow County records.*

*-- Mrs. Roscoe Taylor*

### **Sheriff Whitehead D. Humphrey Article 385**

Whitehead D. Humphrey II, son of Whitehead D. Humphrey I and Susan Shackelford, was born on Jan. 20, 1817. At the age of ten years his father died. When he reached the age of 21 years he was married to Eliza Jane Sylvester, daughter of Nathaniel Sylvester III and his wife Mary King, a direct descendant of Michael King who came to Virginia prior to 1694.

Fraternally, Mr. Humphrey was a Mason, and for the last 15 years of his life he held the position of Secretary of Lafayette Lodge #83, located in Jacksonville, N.C. Mr. Humphrey served as High Sheriff of Onslow County for more than 12 years and records of Onslow contain many references to him in his official capacity and in settlement of many estates and sales.

The U. S. census for 1860, for the Upper Southwest District of Onslow County, lists: Whitehead D. Humphrey, age 43, with \$3500.00 in real estate and \$25,000.00 in personal property. The family included: wife, Eliza Jane, age 41; Mary Susan, age 19; Nathaniel Sylvester Humphrey, age 15; Whitehead D. Humphrey III, age 13; Jane Elizabeth, age 11; George Franklin, age 8; John Williams Humphrey, age 6; Agnes Ward, age 3; and Mr. Thomas King, age 28, overseer.

Mr. Humphrey had built one of the most elegant three-story colonial homes, with large white columns to the roof, a curved balcony across the second story front, everything painted snow white, even the porch ceiling was plastered and then painted white. A wide winding staircase led from the front foyer up to the second and third floor of the Humphrey house. No finer edifice could be found in all Onslow. The 80 slaves kept everything in perfect order. This home was situated on a 500-acre estate, located on the Southwest, on the main road from Jacksonville to Wilmington.

During the Civil War, the Federal Officers marched up the long cedar lane leading up to the mansion and occupied the house; the foot soldiers were quartered out on the lawn of the estate. This insult was just too much for Mr. Humphrey!

On the 18th day of August of 1862, Mr. Humphrey sat down at his mahogany desk and composed his Last Will and Testament leaving everything that he possessed to his beloved wife; naming his "trustworthy friend," Nathan Sylvester as her assistant; and Joshua G. Wright and Col. Lott W. Humphrey as his attorneys to settle his estate.

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A few days later, *The Wilmington Journal* carried the following obituary: "In Onslow County, on the 18th of August, Mr. Whitehead D. Humphrey died. He was in the 45th year of his age. Seldom have we known one who exhibited, in higher degree, the character of a good man than the excellent gentleman whose decease we have to record above. Modest and retiring in his disposition, he seemed to strangers distant and reserved, but to his friends and associates his character shone forth in all its native loveliness and virtue, arrayed in the light of its own inherent goodness. He was a good husband and a kind father.

"He was Sheriff of Onslow for twelve years, and, as an officer, none excelled him. He leaves a bereaved wife, eight children, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their irreparable loss -- and we hope their loss is his gain.

"The gentle sufferer bowed his head and met death smilingly.

Oh, Lord, how could we give him up to any but Thee!"

After the death of her husband, the loss of her slaves, and the desecration of her home, Eliza Jane Sylvester Humphrey, the grieving widow, returned to her childhood home at Richlands where a house for her and her children was built across the street from her father, Nathaniel Sylvester, and here she lived for the next ten years. She died on Christmas Day of 1871.

A copy of her will is on file in Onslow County Courthouse naming her son, Whitehead Humphrey III, as executor of the estate. After the War Between the States was over, it was not unusual for the best families, who had always been accustomed to luxuries, to be lacking even in the necessities of life, but evidently this was not the case with Eliza Jane Humphrey.

In her will she stated that her daughters, Mary Susan Cox and Jane Eliza Mills, were already amply provided for, and she bequeathed to each of them the customary one dollar. She left the family bookcase and desk to her son, Nathaniel Sylvester Humphrey. To her youngest daughter, Agnes Ward Humphrey, she bequeathed \$600.00 and much furniture, and directed that Agnes be taken care of and educated by Whitehead D. Humphrey III. She left the Sylvester Plantation near Richlands, on the left side of the public road from New Bern to Wilmington extending all the way back to New River, to Whitehead Humphrey III. The other real estate, not otherwise bequeathed, which lay mostly on the Kinston Road, was left to her other sons, John William and George Franklyn Humphrey.

*Source: Onslow County records; Masonic Lodge records; newspaper; Wilmington Journal. -- Mrs. Roscoe Taylor*

### **Sheriff Humphrey's Family Article 386**

Sheriff Whitehead D. Humphrey II and his wife, Eliza Jane Sylvester, were the parents of seven children, three daughters and four sons. Their eldest daughter, Mary Susan, was educated at Clinton Female College in Clinton, North Carolina, where she studied art and music. She was married to Dr. Cador Cox of Richlands,

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the son of Harvey Cox, Sr. and his wife, Mary Jane (Thomas) Cox. Their daughter, Minnie Cordelia Cox, was educated at Peace Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina. She was married to Walter Milton Thompson, who was educated at Trinity College (now Duke University). Walter M. Thompson represented Onslow County in the North Carolina Legislature and later he served as Superintendent of all Onslow schools for many years. Walter M. Thompson Elementary School, located on College Street in Jacksonville, was so named in his honor.

Sheriff Humphrey's eldest son, Nathan Sylvester Humphrey, was educated at Horner's Military School at Oxford, North Carolina. He married Fannie Foy, a direct descendant of Lt. James Foy and Henrietta Rhodes, daughter of Col. Henry Rhodes of Onslow County. Their only child, William Whitehead Humphrey died young.

Whitehead D. Humphrey III, son of Sheriff Humphrey, was also educated at Horner's Military School at Oxford, N.C. He married Greensy Ann Cox, sister of Dr. Cadon Cox of Richlands. She died a few years later, leaving an infant daughter.

Jane Elizabeth Humphrey, daughter of Sheriff Humphrey, was an accomplished musician. She married John W. Mills, son of Uzza Mills and his wife, Mary Brock. John W. Mills inherited a large estate and accumulated much property. He represented Richlands District as a County Commissioner of Onslow. He and Jane Elizabeth raised up a large family of eleven children: Uzza "Tobe" Whitehead Mills, Ann Sylvester Mills who married Robert Lee Franck, William Clarence Mills, Estelle Mills who married Edward W. Summersill, Sr., Cadon Mills, Lee Mills, Eliza Jane who married a Sandlin, John W. Mills, Jr. who married Eddie North, Leona Mills who married Lindsey Winstead, Sr., Jarman Mills, and the youngest son, Eugene Mills.

George Franklyn Humphrey, son of Sheriff Humphrey, was born on Dec. 12th 1851. He was educated by Leonard Groninger Woodward at the Richlands Academy. He became a large land owner and successful farmer. According to Duplin County Marriage Records, on Feb. 8th 1875, a marriage certificate was issued in Smith Township to Marena Ann Thomas, aged 19 years, and George Franklyn Humphrey, aged 22 years. The couple were married on Feb. 11th 1875 at the home of the bride in Duplin County, N.C. John Williams Humphrey, older brother of the groom was best man at the wedding and Mary Ruffin Thomas, sister of the bride was maid of honor. After his marriage Mr. Humphrey operated a mercantile business in Duplin County. Eventually he moved his business to Craven County and the family lived in New Bern. Their children were: Walter Davis Humphrey, Cyrus Thompson Humphrey, Annie Blanche Humphrey who married Frank Lee Abee and went to live in Florida, and their youngest son, Rodolph Jackson Humphrey. A few years before his death, George Franklyn Humphrey "came home" to Richlands, where he resumed the management of his property. He and his wife lived a leisurely few years before his death on the 15th day of February in 1891.

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John Williams Humphrey, the youngest son of Sheriff Humphrey, married Margaret Player, daughter of Samuel Player and his wife Rebecca (Bannerman) Player of Pender County. She came from a family of staunch Presbyterians; Rannerman and Player both were Elders in the Mount Williams Presbyterian Church of Pender County. The newly married couple made their home on the N. E. Branch of the Cape Fear River in the Bannerman's Bridge Community. "Rear Garden," the ancestral home of the Player family stood near by. Here they reared their children: Rosa Humphrey who married a King, Rebecca Humphrey who married a Wheeler, Robert Franklin Humphrey, John Shackelford Humphrey, and C. Eugene Humphrey, who became a successful businessman in Tampa, Florida.

John Shackelford Humphrey and Robert Franklin Humphrey became business partners, engaging in logging, merchandizing and milling, in 1926 they bought out Harrell grocery business in Burgaw, and moved to that town. They were so closely associated that their business judgment always seemed to coincide. They married sisters, daughters of Walter M. Thompson of Onslow County. They all lived together in a large commodious house, and each brother had a son to perpetuate the name Humphrey. They were affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Lodge #138, and other civic organizations. John Shackelford Humphrey became the largest farmer in Pender County, personally overseeing his own lands. He also rented out many acres.

*Source: Onslow Co. records; Duplin Co. records; and Pender County History by Bloodworth.*

*-- Mrs. Roscoe Taylor*

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*End of Excerpts from The Heritage of Onslow County. 1983.*

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## APPENDIX C Excerpts from The Heritage of Craven County

### Craven County Honor Roll 1861 Article L43

The Craven County North Carolina Honor Roll 1861 was compiled by Alex R. Miller, Captain of K Company, of the Second Regiment of the North Carolina State Troops shortly after the close of the War Between the States. The Second Regiment was organized with the following officers: Charles Tew, Colonel; William Preston Bynum, Lieutenant-Colonel; William R. Cox, Major; Nicholas Collins Hughes, Adjutant; William T. Faircloth, Quartermaster; Louis Hilliard, Commissary; W. H. Courts, Surgeon; George L. Kirby, Ass. Surgeon; Stewart Devane, Ass. Surgeon; Rev. Dr. Alfred A. Watson, Chaplain.

Company "K" Second Regiment: Capt. George C. Lewis; 1st Lieut. Alexander Miller Jr.; 2nd Lieut. Richard Hancock; 2d Brevt. Js. F. Hellen; Sgts: W.J. Streets; Benjamin Cook; James L. Jones; John M. Wise; William B. Bell; Corp: Richard P. Dowdy; Haywood Davenport; Charles Carter; Anson B. Wallace; Musician: Edward J. Parker; Pvts: Samuel R. Ball; Andrew F. Ball; Joseph W. Brinson; William R. Brooks; Calvin Burch; Richard J. Brock; Nathan F. Budd; Geo. W. Curling; William B. Cherry; Fred J. Cherry; Samuel Cuthrell; Lucas J. Dixon; Richard T. Daughtery; Louis H. Evans; William B. Fulford; Charles Fields; William Foskey; Henry Hall; Robt. Hancock; Samuel O. Hyman; Henry J. Hughes; James Hancock; Spencer Harper; Charles F. Hargett; Solomon Howard; Rett (*should be Lott*) W. Humphrey; Daniel Humphrey; Wiley Higgens; . Freman E. Ives; Stephen W. Jones; George W. Jones; William A. Johnston; John K. Land; Lemmuel S. Wood; Leroy Whitehurst; Benjamin T. Willis; Geo. W. Lamb; Leonidus Lane; John Lewis; Shade Lee; Lucas Landen; John B. McMartin; Jobb E. Mathews; Patrick Mahan; Leonidus J. Moore; Lemmel J. Merritt; James D. Oliver; Thos. K. Oliver; H. C. O'Neal; Barthmew O'Neal; Owen O'Neal; Levi N. Pitts; Chas M. Pittman; Henry L. Palmer; Owen C. Phillips; Elisha Robertson; Hardy Rodman; John Shipp; Samuel R. Street Jr.; Charles V. Squires; Jessee H. Searies; John B. Simpson; John Smithwick; Joseph B. Shines; Wm T. Sparrow; John Vickers; Benjamin Willis.

"I" Company Second Regiment: Capt. Daniel W. Hurtt; 1st Lieut. John P. Dillingham; 2nd Lieut. Edward K. Bryan; 2d Brevt. Sylvester Taylor; Sgts. Wm. G. Bryan Jr.; David W. Hayes; Stephen P. Sparrow; Edward H. Salter; Peter W. Wheeler; Cpls. John L. Bland; Churchill G. Dudley; James W. Hancock; Geo. W. Hall; Musicians Andrew J. Cook; David P. McCullen; Pvts. H. Aldridge; John W. Austin; John Q. Avery; Isaac T. Attmore; John R. Bowers; Geo. W. Blaney; Joseph H. Budd; Edward A. Brock; Edward J. Brooks; Edward T. Bacton; James T. Bryan; John H. Bryan; Joseph B. G. Barrow; W. W. Cook; James Cross; James P. Dowdy; Henry Ellis; Geo. W. Furlgham; Peter F. Felton; Noah Franks; Joseph Green; John L. Guthrie; Daniel Goodfield; Lewis Gaskins; Calib B. Gray; Harvey C. Gardner; Robt. J. Gilbert; John J. Hall; John J. Homer; Benj. J. Heath; Horatio Hancock; Geo. W. Hardison; John L. Heritage; John P. Ives; John H. Jones; James W. Luck; Thos. T. McCotter; Thos. A. Mozingo; Edward McLucklin; James H. Morris; Joel R. Medlin; David Nell; Albert B. Pernell; John D. Pfaller; James Pitts; Aaron Pitts; Alfred D. Rawls; Joseph Rose; John F. Rawls; Joseph H.

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Styron; John S. Shaffer; Anson M Swindell; John H. Smith; Bernard Silverbery; John St. John; Edward S. Smaw; Nathan Tisdale; George Trader; William Tippitt; Johnathan D. Wood; William A. Walker; John H. Was; Israel B. Watson; Robt. W. Willis; August Wittr; George E. Vogler.

"F" Company Second Regiment: Capt. Hugh L. Cole; 1st lieut. N.M. Chadwick; 2nd Lieut. B.L. Wethington; 2nd Brevt. H. J. B. Clark; Sgts. John D. May; Daniel W. Lane; Stiphen Lancaster; Andrew J. Taylor; Benj. F. May; Cpls. F. G. Heritage; Miles Blount; W.F. Woods; C.W. Brewer; Musician David Johnston; Pvts. James A. Adams; Thos. Aden; James Averitt; Jessie Arthur; Allen Arnold; James A. Askins; William Averitt; Redding Brinkley; James Brinkley; William B. Butler; Samuel Barclay; Nathan Barrington; Wm. W. Coward; John Drew; Joseph W. Deal; John Dorald; R.J. Daugherty; Thos. B. Flibers; Silas Fulcher; W. Glovier; Furnifold Hawkins; Elijah Hawkins; Silas Hawkins; Henry T. Hawkins; Thomas Heath; Isum Hardison; Stiphen Johnston; Wm. Jacobson; John Cornegay; Thos. Laughinghouse; Southing McCaffity; John McCoy; Joseph O. May; Anson T. Purvis; John Peterson; James H. Powers; Elbert Phillips; Benj. F. Rivers; James M. Reel; Haywood Riggs; Turner Simmons; Becton H. Shute; Wm. H. Shute; John W. Stevenson; Noah Simpkins; David Sutton; Garvel Street; Abel Taylor; Bryan Taylor; Lewis G. Taylor; Abisha W. Willis; Abner Willis; Aasn Willis; James Williams; W. H. Wetherington; James Wetherington; Benj. F. White; Richard H. Wood; James Wiggins.. Abner Wetherington. Died up to Feb. 27, 1862; Levi P. Powers. Wm. J. Averett; Phillip Dixon; J. J. Humphrey; Levi Griffin; Edward Rouse; Churchill Jackson; James Wetherington; Discharged: Ruel Wetherington; J.E, Davis. Z. Fillingam; James N. Shute; Abram Jackson; J. Williams; W. M. Heritage.

"D" Company Fifth Regiment: Sgts, M. J. Malon; S.H. Dirgurd; P. H. Pully; R. W. Fulford; Cpls. R. L. Willis; Chas. Rubbell; W. W. Cassey; J. Lankon; Sgt. Major R. B. Brookfield; Pvts. J. F. A. Ashton; F .S. Barrgert; J. W. Barrow; J. Cambell; John Clark; J. B. Conner; Jessie R. Davis; W. H. Dix; E. M. Dirguid; Geo. W. Dennis; James L. Day; T. Ellison; Wm. H. Francis; Asbury Fach; D. C. Huddleston; D. Barnell; James Hill; J. G. Harreans; Jones; H. Jones; James Jones; J.C. Lockherst; G. W. Lewis; H. Morso; N. Mayo; J. A. Phillips; W. H. Riddett; W. W. Rodgers; James Roberson; James H. Smith; J. C. Turner; J. Springs; J. A. Taylor; W. Jones; R. Turleo.

Company "D" of the Fortieth North Carolina Troops (Gatlin Artillery): Capt. James S. Lane; 1st Lieut, Adam Barrington; 1 Brevt, Henry Hooker; 2nd Lieut. John J. Brubble; Sgts. Willoughby D. Farebaas; W.W. Briggs; Solomon M. Alexander; Jarome B. Sawyer; Albert Ipocks; Cpls, Albert Reel; Chas. A. Miller; Jesse H. Beacham; David Banks; Pvts. R. Barrington; James Batron; Nathan G. Barrington; John S. Brinson; Albert D. Cherry; Thomas P. Cherry; James Caroon; James H. Daw; Samuel Dixon; Benj. S. Dixon; Hyman Daniels; John O. Daw; John Dixon; James H. French; Jesse L. Griffin; W. F. Gordon; Robt. H. Hunnings; John M. Hunnings; Mathew Holton; Lewis Hutson; Thomas Holton; Gibson Ives; John W. Fuland; Thomas Jones; Thomas Jewell; James F. Johnson; William A. Kirnery; John T. Lincoln; John A. Lupton; Thos. L. Liverman; Benj. F. Liverman; John R. Miller; Wm. T. Morris; Benj. W. Morris; Benj. McCotter; Abner Nervell; Malachai Paris; Robt. Phipps; Noa Rice; Fred L. Rice; W.E. Sadler; Bartow Spencer; Anno Squires; Noah R.W. Slade; Michael Sawyer; Thos,

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R. Spencer; Thos. T. Sawyer; John Sannders; Henry H. Sawyer; Thos. D. Swindell; Johnathan Swindell; Jos B. Tingle; Wm. Tire?; John Toler; Wm. B. Vickery; Chas. C. Whorton; James Whortington; Tilman R. Woodard; Francis T. Woodard; Jesse Weskett; John N. Weskett; J.P. Redding; Wm. Daniel; John W. Tingle; John Cassey; Isaac P. Holton; William Ipock; Oliver Ipock; Hardy Ipock; James Rice; James Catch; John D. Banks; Rily Gaskins; Joseph Fulford; Alex Sawyer; Robt. Jones; Mathew P. Caton; Wm. B. Sawyer; Josiah Hardison; William Insley; Joshua Lee; William Lee; Abner Lee; Allen Gaskins; Major W. Gaskins; Riley Harper; Albert Spruill; John Wayner; John F. Pervell.

Company "I" 10th Regiment North Carolina State Troops: Capt. John N. Whitford; 1st Lieut. John L. Perrington; 1st Brevt. Stephen S. Barrington; 2nd Lieut. Edward Whitford; Sgts. James H. Tolson; John W. Aldridge; W.F. Fisher; Nathan Hooker; Chas. S. Dixon; Corps. Ed. A. Kilpatrick; Benj. K. Mallison; John H. Purvis; Joseph R. Heath; Musicians A.P. Whitford; S. C. Barnett; Pvts. Levi J. Anderson; Nathaniel Bexby (Bixley); E. O. Barrington; John K. Brock; James Bixley; William R. Barrington; Christopher Bixley; John Bright; Franklin Bright; Geo. Bright; Daniel P. Caton; George W. Caraway; Benj. C. Cox; Chas. M. Cannady; Nathan Carolton; Charles Cole; Benj. F. Long; Peter Lewis; Roscue Lancaster; Furney McIntosh; James A. Miller; Ranson Morris; Cyrus J. Mayo; Henry McIntosh; Wm. H. Mills; James Morse; Samuel Martin; Isaac N. Nobles; Benja F. Nelson; James Owens; Jesse Caton; W. G. Carawan; John A. Carawan; Hasten Dixon; Dennis Distall; Wm. B. Dowdy; Henry J. Carwin; Chas. W. Daugherty; Jos. D. Daughtery; Wm. W. Emery; Benj. F. Edwards; John B. Ewell; Wylie A. Ewell; Levi Gaskins; Francis Gilligan; John Gilbert; Riley Gaskins; Franklin Howard; Wm. H. Hill; Thcs. A. Hardison; Furnifold Hawkins; Geo. O. Hawkins; **John Humphrey**; Geo. Hill; Edward Ipock; Wm. H. Ives; Eliza Jones; David Jones; Luther A. Jones; Wm. H. Jones; Jeriah Jones; Samuel Jones; William F. Jones; Geo. T. Oglesby; Furney Pervell; GeD W. Pervell; Stephen Parse; Hardy Powell; James R. Powers; Henry D. Powell; John D. Riggs; Wylie A. Rowe; Alex Rouse; John W. Rouse; Gideon B. Rice; Robt. F. Stilley; James Swindell; John Sawyer; John F. Symns; Charles B. Stiller; W. F. Teen; Geo. F. Terrett; Solomon Taylor; Smith J. Wise; Geo. Wetherington; Charles A. White; Roberson R. Warren; Aurin C. West; Blunt C. West; Franklin J. Ward; John Ward; Richard Whitford; John A. Williams; Willis Wetherington; Bryant Wayne; Gimles Zetes.

Company "B" 10th Regiment North Carolina Troops: Capt. H.T. Gulch; 1st Lieut. A. C. Latham; 1st Brevt. Thadus Coleman; 2nd Lieut. J. W. Stevenson; Sgts. S.W. Latham; H.S. Lee; Samuel Whitehurst; Wm. A. Ballenger; F.X. Miller; Cpls. J.D. Baxter; C.F. Cox. H. M. Whitehurst; Leven Lee; Pvts. Jas. H. Arnold; Wm. H. Breutcher; James P. Bratcher; Noah Barrington; Geo. W. Broughton; Wm. L. Catch; Carowin Cox; Harry W. Cox; Jessie Cahoon; Gidion L. Caroway; R A. Croon; John W. Dixon; Miller Dixon; David F. Dixon; Zacarah M. Daw; Wm. H. Daw; James D. Night; Willis Ounn; Stephen Elliott; Major B. Fink; Joseph S. Fowler; Dewitt C. Fowler; Stephen H. Fowler; John Fulcher; John M. Griffin; Kilby Gaskins; Harvey A. Gaskins; Churchille Gardner; Joseph Harkett; Joseph Hoover; Samuel J. Hoover; Wm. J.F. Hooker; Lewis D. Henry; Josphus E. Henry; James Harrison?; Major B. Hawkins; John Hartley; Fredrick Hardison; Rufus W. Hardison. Joseph N. Hardis ; John Hardison; Levi Hardison; Elias Holton; David

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P. Holton; Wm. A. Haskill; James F. Heath; James R. Jewell; A.B. Jones; Geo, M. Lewis; Haywood Lewis; Riley Laughinghouse; B. H. Martin; Stephen F. Morris; Gisborn Morriss; Lawrence Miller; John C. Miller; Wm. P. Ormond; Wm. M. Oglesby; Abner Price; Fredrick Pate; Raymond Paul; W. C. Powers; Robt. Phillips; Wm. Potter; Wm. Rhem; John R. Styron; Joseph Simpson; Wm. A. Sears; Wm. H. Sawyer; Wm. Smith; David A. Swindell; N. W. Tutteon; John Taylor; Ivey Taylor; Levi W. Tingle; Jarimh Tingle; Gibson Tingle; Thos. Toler; John D. Tingle; Roscue Wiley; Jerophens Wiley?; Zorch B. West; Fredrick Wayne; W. C. West; John West.

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## History of Beech Grove United Methodist Church L79

The following history of the Beech Grove United Methodist Church was written by the late Mrs. Janie K. Arnold and other members of the church.

In 1867 Mrs. John H. Richardson organized a Sunday School on the plantation of her husband. The Sunday School was conducted in a one-room schoolhouse on Mr. Richardson's farm.

As there was no church organization, no pastor was appointed. Rev. N. A. Hooker, however, was called in to preach. He served in 1867 and a part of 1868. Rev. D.W. Porter came to minister in 1868. It was during his pastorate here that the Beech Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized in 1871.

Some of the earliest trustees were Messrs. Drew Dixon, Sam Ipock, Daniel Lane, Joseph H. Stevenson and G.T. Richardson, Sr.

The first church building was erected in 1871 and was dedicated November 15, 1876. This building was used until 1915 at which time the present brick church auditorium was constructed.

During these earlier years, a Missionary Society composed of both sexes and all ages was formed. This organization contributed both inspiration and financial assistance to the church.

There was also "The Little Helpers" organization which lasted approximately four years. Through the selling of garments, cake sales, ice cream suppers, etc., this small but busy group was able to help financially.

As the children grew and left, the mothers, namely "The Ladies Aid," took their places, planned, worked and saved with a special end in view- that of "seeing a brick church built to supersede the old frame one."

The Ladies Aid became Beech Grove Missionary Auxiliary in November 1937, remaining thus until the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, The Methodist Protestant Church and the Northern Methodist Church joined forces. As a result of this, the Auxiliary became "The Woman's Society of Christian Service" in September 1940.

In 1968 when the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Church became one, the Society's name was changed to "The Women's Society of Christian Service."

It is interesting to note that over a period of 75 years there were only five Sunday School Superintendents, namely: Daniel Lane, who served 1869-1917; G. T. Richardson; Sr., 1917-1920; J. H. Stevenson, 1920-1930; C. Nixon McIlwean, 1930-1941; and G.T. Richardson, Jr., 1941-1944. Other Superintendents serving are: Joseph C. Parker; William D. Sugg; Robert Arendell Ipock; Thomas Sugg; Graham Tull Richardson, III; Joseph Allen Ipock; Ray McIlwean; Graham Tull Richardson, III; Daniel Hartsell; and Daniel Vernelson.

The Men's Club, which gives financial as well as physical assistance to the church, was organized in February 1957.

During the pastorate of Rev. R.L. Fleming, the Beech Grove Parsonage was built and was dedicated during the pastorate of Rev. J.G. Lupton. In 1873 Graham Tull Richardson I wrote of the church at that time. He wrote: Situated on the Washington Road about six and one quarter miles from New Bern on the left hand side of the road going toward Washington is a log school house covered

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with shingles, a porch in front and a well on the right side going up. Five windows and one door. House built by neighbors 1869. Dedicated June 6 by Rev. Hooker. It is used for the church, Sunday School and every day school.

Years prior to 1924 Beech Grove was one of five churches in the Craven Circuit. Through the years, we have added and subtracted churches until at the present time we are called Beech Grove Charge, comprised of Beech Grove and Rhems Church.

Ministers who have served Beech Grove follow: Rev. N. A. Hooker 1867-1868, Rev. D.W. Porter 1868-1872, Rev. Daniel Culbreth 1872-1876, Rev. T. B. Reeks 1876-1877, Rev. R. C. Beaman 1877-1879, Rev. W. P. McConkle 1879-1880, Rev. J. M. Lumley 1880-1882, Rev. A. McCullen 1882-1884, Rev. W. J. Crowson 1884-1886, Rev. J. F. Washburn 1886-1888, Rev. G. J. Johnson 1888-1892, Rev. A. L. Ormand 1892-1895, Rev. Dr. John L. Sanford 1895, Rev. D. C. Geddie 1896, Rev. W. C. Crowson 1897, Rev. C. O. Durant 1897-1901, Rev. W. H. Townsend 1901-1905, Rev. G. B. Webster 1905-1906, Rev. W. B. Humble 1906-1908, Rev. J. M. Wright 1908-1912, Rev. R. E. Pittman 1912-1913, Rev. J. W. Autry 1913-1917, Rev. Noblett 1917-1921, Rev. D. A. Futrell 1921-1923, Rev. W. L. Dawson 1923-1925, Rev. W. R. Barfield 1925-1928, Rev. R. M. Price 1928-1932, Rev. J.B. Thompson 1932-1937, Rev. W. F. Elliott 1937-1940, Rev. E. W. Downum 1941, Rev. W. A. Tew 1941-1945, Rev. E. A. Brown 1945-1950, Rev. R. L. Vickery 1950-1952, Rev. R. M. Gradless 1952-1953, Rev. R.L. Fleming 1953-1956, Rev. W. N. Bass 1956-1959, Rev. E. J. Bedsworth 1959-1961, Rev. Charles Vail 1961-1962, Rev. Henry Pollock 1962-1963, Rev. V. N. Moore 1963 1964, Rev. J. G. Lupton 1964-1965, Rev. R. D. Shinkle 1965-1969, Rev. Claude Wilson 1969. Since that time there has been Rev. John Butson, Rev. Richard Stanley & Rev. Gaskins. After many years of planning, the goal of an educational building was realized in 1944. Although the results of concerted action on the part of everyone, the efforts of Rev. W. A. Tew, Minister, Mr. C. H. Gochnauer, Architect; and Mr. Joe T. Ipock, Chairman of Finance Committee, were especially noteworthy.

The new education building was completed in October 1971. With thanksgiving to God, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, we go forth to be useful and to serve God, in the local community and the world at large.

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**Beech Grove Methodist Church Dedication Article L8o**

After eleven years, Mrs. Townsend and I visited again, October 29th, at Beech Grove to attend the dedication of the new brick church, being the third house of worship erected on this sacred spot. The building is a gem, costing about \$2,500.00, built as if to stand as long as earth endures, it stands as a monument to as loyal and consecrated a congregation as is known in Methodism. The day was auspicious. The sun shone with the soft yellow light on an ideal autumn day, while the variegated foliage of the forest added beauty to the scene. The people came from far to witness the occasion. Rev. J.B. Hurley, the esteemed Presiding Elder of the New Bern District, delivered a thoughtful, forceful sermon from Hebrew 12:27, after which the building was dedicated to the services of God. Three former pastors took part in the dedicatory exercise -- Rev. J. G. Johnson of Selma; Rev. J. M. Wright, Goldsboro; Rev. W. H. Townsend, High Point, and the present incumbent who planned and projected the enterprise, Rev. R. E. Pittman. This is a fitting climax to the four years' labors of this worthy and successful pastor.

The generous members, as is their custom, invited the whole congregation to a rich and sumptuous feast, thus feeding the bodies and souls of the multitude as our Lord did the crowd that followed Him in the wilderness.

At 2:30 P.M. Rev. J.G. Johnson gave the people a spiritual and practical discourse, appropriate to all present. This scribe had the pleasure of preaching at 7:30 P.M. at Clark's Station to an attentive congregation.

It is the quality and not quantity that has made the Beech Grove Church memorable. Brother Daniel Lane, seventy-eight years of age, has been a patriarch among them, who with his consecrated family and the heroic spirits of the Richardsons, Dixons, Stevensons, Humphreys, Crocketts, Ipocks, and others have kept the religious fire aflame for a half century.

Providence has given this leader and servant of God a worthy successor in the person of Daniel Lane, Jr., an efficient young minister of the North Carolina Conference; so the Lord prepares for the present and future generations.

Again, it was our good fortune to lodge with Brother G.T. Richardson, the owner of the noted Bellair farm. This splendid property has been in the Richardson family since 1834, coming by purchase from a Mr. Blount. The original grant bears the seal of King George II of England. The colonial dwelling of red brick is nearly two centuries old, and is a worthy monument to the noble architecture of that day. The building is two stories high with garret and cellar, having four large rooms 25 x 18 feet, two halls, and spacious fireplaces for each room. The wall plastering, window-sash and doors are almost perfectly preserved. The timbers are nearly large enough for a railroad bridge, yet were sawed by an old whip saw, while the walls two feet thick extend six feet into the ground. (The modern architecture could get some good lessons here.) The front door has on it the old knocker of brass, such as I saw in St. Augustine on what was called the oldest building in America. In this home there is a large mahogany sideboard of costly design, once the property of a colonial governor, whose name escaped me. Fancy sums have been offered for these rare relics, but they were not for sale.

Brother Richardson is a model as well as a modern farmer, and took great

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pleasure in showing me over his fine farm. The cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, chickens and turkeys ("kept for friends") were a sight. To see seventy-five sheep at once is a rare sight in the Old North State. His energetic son, Tull, increased our pleasure with auto rides, while his elect lady, though ill to our sorrow, made the home a dream which we men feel but cannot express.

We were permitted to share the splendid hospitality one might with Brother John Humphrey and his son-in-law, Mr. Foscue. The conversation of Brother Humphrey so full of interest and information made the hours fly away.

At Tuscarora, that faithful steward, O. H. Wetherington, gave us a day full of delight by easting us and showing the old friends of the past with his fine "Overland". Alas! Sheriff W.B. Lane, Brice Ipock and James Ipock and Mrs. E.D. Avery had crossed the river. They left their marks and precious memories, and to me also they extended much kindness.

I could only partake of one meal from that real Nimrock, Mr. Thomas Dillon. He can bring the fine game of every variety, and thrill the dull laymen by telling how it is done, while his fine lady home-keeper makes a feast that would please a king. Here I had the best meal of squirrel enjoyed in ten years. It was a deep regret to decline an invitation to hunt a day and enjoy the fruit of the sport.



Only a few minutes were given to look at Cove City, where we spent four years. The faithful steward, ED. Avery, and the pastor, and Brother Pittman related the changes of the eleven intervening years. The trees planted by our hands in the parsonage yard had grown to be great. Brother Pittman is a good farmer and gardener, his six fine porkers and many vegetables, bearing witness.

To all these noble spirits of Craven Circuit may the Lord grant His present and eternal blessings.

At Goldsboro between trains it was a great privilege to see again the faces of Brothers B.G. and Jesse Thompson, Mrs. Herring and Miss Cora, the children of that soul, W.B. Thompson, and Marcellus Best, son of "uncle" Hinton Best. The blood of the fathers still flows in their children. They had the happy art of blending religion and business. Those heirs of flesh have greatly increased their estates, but the Church is enriched thereby, and it seems, the more they give away, the more they have. Our journey homeward as far as Greensboro was made a delight with the company of Misses Thompson and Cox, enroute to Greensboro College for Women to be equipped for life's mission. God be with all till we meet again.

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**Elisha Arnold Article 71**

Elisha Arnold was born in the Core Creek section of Craven County on August 18, 1793 and died April 27, 1876. On December 13, 1815, he married Susan Smith, born October 26, 1803 and died February 1, 1881. Their marriage bond was signed by Cannon Smith, who was possibly some relation to Susan. It is said that Susan was the half-sister of Caswell Wood.

Elisha Arnold was described by his wife as a farmer with dark hair, blue eyes, light complexion and 21 years of age at the time of his discharge from the army. He served in the War of 1812 as a private in the company of Colonel Nathan Tisdale. He enlisted September 29, 1814 and served until March 21, 1815, when he was discharged in New Bern, N.C.

Shortly after the war, Elisha and Susan started farming in the Perfection section of Craven County. There they lived, raised a large family of six sons and five daughters, and were buried on the same land.

What follows is an account of these children and whom they married. William Arnold (1818), Elizabeth Arnold (9-20-1824), Matilda Arnold (8-24-1827), Louisa Arnold (1828), Lavinia Arnold (1829), James Arnold (1831), Edward Arnold (4-26-1836) Sarah Ann Arnold (1837), John Stanley Arnold (1839), Stephen Arnold (2-6-1842), Elisha Freeman Arnold (5-25-1845).

The William Arnold family will be written about in a separate article in this book.

Elizabeth Arnold married Wiley Avery (8-1818 -- 8-21-1871) on June 15, 1844. They had seven children: Martha Jane Avery (8-14-1852 -- 8-10-1867); Willie Avery (5 weeks); John Edward Avery (1846) married Mary Frances Wetherington (6-23-1852 -- 8-3-1883); A.W. (Augustus Washington) Avery (3-21-1854 -- 12-26-1932) married (1) Huldia Wetherington (7-12-1857), sister of Mary Frances Wetherington (2) Alice Wetherington (6-2-1856 -- 4-6-1941 ), half-sister of Huldia Wetherington; Lewis Franklin Avery (7-24-1849- 2-19-1902) married (1) Carrie Riggs (7-24-1856 -- 9-12-1890) (2) Annie West; Edward Duncan Avery (8-24-1859 -- 5-8-1919) married Holland Ipock (2-14-1857 -- 3-26-1916); Enoch Lane Avery (12-1-1857 -- 5-17-1918) married Malvina Wetherington (4-1-1867 -- 8-19-1947). She was the sister of Alice Wetherington; Thomas Avery (1862) married Ida Flowers; Furnifold Pettigrew Avery (1867) married Betty Marshall. Elizabeth Arnold Avery died June 13, 1875.

Matilda Arnold married Newton Moore on February 8, 1841 in Craven County. They had six children: Mary Anne Moore, James Moore, Thomas Moore, Sarah Moore, Elisha Moore, and William F. Moore (2-28-1843 -- 8-24-1876) married Jane Wood (2-18-1846-- 2-7-1916), the daughter of Caswell Wood and Betsy Wright. Matilda Arnold Moore died July 5, 1911.

Lavinia Arnold married Lewis Smith (12-2-1824) and they had seven children.

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Lewis Smith (1851) died at Virginia Beach, Va.; Stephen Smith (1857) died young; Harvey Smith (1853) died unmarried; Henderson Smith (1854) married Mary Elizabeth Sauls; Alonza Lucas Smith (1862) married Maria Mercer; Freeman R. Smith (1864) had no children; Oscar (Doc) Smith (1868).

James Arnold married Caroline Matilda Lane Hartley, widow of Joseph Hartley. James Arnold died in 1875.

Edward Arnold married Rachael Bryan, daughter of Fredrick Bryan, on July 25, 1865. They had three children: Sarah (Sallie) B. Arnold (9-23-1866 -- 9-26-1926) married Hugh L. White, son of Jeremiah Whitecoat White and Penelope Wood, daughter of Caswell Wood and Betsy Wright. Sallie and Hugh White had two sons, Manley White and James Edward White (8-23-1897- 2-20-1973) who married Cassie Civils (2-9-1894) on September 12, 1917; Noah Matthew Arnold (7-14-1868 -- 5-25-1919) married Effie Arnold (3-16-1875 -- 3-13-1911) in 1899. Effie Arnold was the daughter of E. Freeman Arnold and Caroline French. Charles Porter Arnold married Julia Elizabeth Arnold, daughter of E. Freeman Arnold and Caroline French. Edward Arnold died May 26, 1887.

Sarah Ann Arnold married David W. Porter (12-21-1833 -- 5-24-1902). He was the son of William and Lydia Porter of Carteret County and a Methodist minister.

Louisa Arnold was listed in the household of Elisha Arnold in 1850. There is no further information on her.

John Stanley Arnold married Mary Amanda Formyduval McCoy (12-11-1900) widow of Jesse McCoy in 1867. She was the daughter of Charles Formyduval. They had five children; Thomas Dully Arnold (9-7-1868 -- 9-13-1931) married Pearl Ezzell (12-23-1878 -- 9-17-1962); John Clifford Arnold (9-21-1871 -- 9-13-1940) died unmarried; Sarah Arnold died in infancy; Susan Victoria Arnold (12-14-1873--3-4-1900) married W. W. (Will) Porter (4-21-1806-- 5-24-1936) on June 27, 1891. Will Porter's second wife was named Annie. Albert Arnold died at the age of seven.

Stephen Arnold married Virginia G. Stewart (3-11-1846-- 5-22-1925), daughter of James Stewart and Jane Loftin. They had four children, Elisha R. Arnold (1869-1938) married Emma J. Atkinson (1874-1946), daughter of Jesse Atkinson and Martha Gaskins, in 1906; Susan E. Arnold (2-1870); Fannie Graves Arnold (6-5-1876- 4-23-1958) married George Civils (6-6-1869 -- 4-25-1945); Bulah Arnold (1879). Stephen Arnold died June 14, 1901.

Elisha Freeman Arnold married Caroline French (1-25-1844 -- 3-7-1907), and they had eight children. Henry F. Arnold (1869) married Lucy Shipp; Turner C. Arnold (9-3-1882 -- 12-3-1918); Julia Elizabeth Arnold (1873) married Charles Porter Arnold, son of Edward Arnold and Rachael Bryan, on January 31, 1897; Clara Arnold (12-14-1870- 2-22-1956) married (1) C.M. Ewell on August 11, 1890 (2) J.H. Griffin; Caroline Arnold married Hosea Rowe (1879-1946) on June 10,

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1901; Effie Arnold (1875) married Noah Matthew Arnold, son of Edward Arnold and Rachael Bryan on July 5, 1899; James Edward Arnold married Lillie Brock; Mary Arnold (1873) married Oliver Hazzard Perry on November 24, 1895. Elisha Freeman Arnold died July 1, 1916.

Four of Elisha Arnold's sons served in the Civil War in the N.C. Partisan Rangers. Stephen and John were captured on December 14, 1862 and paroled 9 days later. On the same day, James was wounded by an accidental shot. Edward served in the same outfit with his brothers. Elisha Freeman, the youngest son, enlisted in the N.C. Local Defense Troops and served from July 12, 1863 to January 18, 1864.

Although this article is far from complete, it does give a beginning to the family of Elisha Arnold of Craven County. There are many of his descendants still living here and in the surrounding counties.

Sources: Craven Co. records, Bible records cemetery records, N.C. Archives and family records.

-- Mrs. Virginia H. Humphrey

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### William Arnold Article 73

William Arnold was born in 1818 in the Core Creek section of Craven Co. He was the oldest son of Elisha Arnold and Susan Smith. On May 9, 1842, he married Nancy Ipock (1822-1889) in Craven Co. It is said that Nancy Ipock was the daughter of a Moses Ipock. In the 1850 census there was a Lovisey Ipock age 54 living in the household of William Arnold. It is possible that this could have been Nancy's mother.

William Arnold was almost 45 years old and already had a large family when the Civil War started. His father was elderly and needed help with his farm, so, due to those factors he probably did not enlist.

William did not follow in the steps of his father when it came to having sons. He had seven daughters and only two sons. The children were: Susan Arnold (1844); Moses Duffy Arnold (12-6-1845); Sarah Catherine Arnold (12-19-1849); Harriett Lavinia Arnold (5-10-1850); Eliza Ann Arnold (1851); Julia Arnold (10-28-1856); Mary Frances Arnold (10-26-1857); Nancy (Nannie) Caroline Arnold (2-4-1860); William James Arnold (3-26-1862).

The Arnold household must have been busy, tending alarm or maybe more than one, raising a large family, and finding husbands for all the daughters. From the marriage bonds, the Arnold home was the scene of many of these weddings.

As with all family history it is never complete, but here is some of the information that has been researched.

Susan Arnold married William (Dick) P. Lane (1846-1948), son of Alfred C. Lane and Susan A. Wooten. William Lane married (2) Julia H. Lane (3-20-1872--1960). Susan and William P. Lane had 5 children: Moses Duffy Lane (12-8-1869 - - 10-17-1918) married Malvinia Dawson. Moses and Malvinia had two children, Penn Lane and Hobson Lane; Rosa Lane (6-15-1872 -- 11-16-1965) married William Lemuel Barwick on Feb. 3, 1892. Rosa and Lemuel's children were Robert Barwick who married Irma Moye. Robert and Irma's children were Lemuel Barwick and Ann Barwick. Johanna Barwick (3-1-1904) married John W. Kilpatrick (5-10-1900 - 11-20-1971). Johanna and John's children were Bobby Kilpatrick, Billy Kilpatrick and Betty Rose Kilpatrick. Francis Barwick married Irma Lee Kilpatrick. J. W. Barwick (6-9-1906 - 10-8-1907). Mattie Lou Barwick (1899-1963) married Leinstier Joseph Ipock. Joseph and Mattie's son Lewis married Christine Bland. Annie Lane (1877) married Joseph Kinsey on Sept. 21, 1898. Lonnie Lane (1879-1899), Florence Lane (1874-1875), and Sudie Lane (1882-1882).

Moses Duffy Arnold died unmarried on July 28, 1868.

Sarah Catherine Arnold married Adrian T. Davis (1-21-1850 - 10-6-1887) on Dec 21, 1870. He was the son of Richard and Catherine Davis. They had 6 children: Claude Davis (5-29-1873, 1-24-1895); Marcus Davis (5-6-1875, 2-2-

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1876); Drusilla (Zella) Davis (10-13-1877, 11-24-1894); Nannie Davis (4-7-1878, 9-9-1978); Maud Davis (5-1-1880, 10-5-1880); Albert H. Davis (2-7-1880, 2-18-1928) married Nannie J. Ivey (12-27-1878, -1973). She was the daughter of Thomas J. Ivey and Mary Frances Arnold. Sarah Catherine Arnold Davis died November 18, 1913.

Harriett Lavinia Arnold married George Milton Lancaster (7-11-1848, 5-10-1916) on Dec. 22, 1875. Harriett Lavinia Arnold Lancaster died Feb. 12, 1915.

Eliza Anne Arnold married William W. Prescott (7-17-1847, 5-22-1912 on July 28, 1872. They had 3 children: Olivia Javine Prescott (5-17-1874, -1964), W. M. Prescott (8-20-1877, 12-2-1922), and Leon Floyd Prescott (9-10-1875, 5-23-1876)

Julia Arnold married John Humphrey, and they will be written about in a separate article in this book under Humphrey.

Mary Frances Arnold married Thomas J. Ivey (5-21-1855, 11-22-1929) on March 15, 1878. They had one daughter, Nannie Ivey who married Albert H. Davis.

Nancy (Nannie) Caroline Arnold married Walter Cox of Pitt Co. (7-15-1851, 12-1-1915) on Dec. 17, 1886. They had three children: William Cox (4-29-1895, 3-28-1928) married Eula Mae Moore (5-18-1898, 3-23-1922). William and Eula's children were Eula Mae Cox and William Wesley Cox; John T. Cox (8-23-1897, 10-2-1928) married Sadie Quinn (1899, 10-27-1978). John and Sadie's children were James Bryan Cox (1925-10-27-1978), Nannie Mae Cox, Gladys Johnson Cox, John Howard Cox and May Ella Cox. Nora Cox married Edward Cox. Nancy Caroline Arnold Cox died May 10, 1928.

William James Arnold married Matilda Daugherty (10-1-1864, 5-1-1864, 5-1-1942) in 1883. William James Arnold died on June 6, 1922.

From the records it appears that William Arnold's two sons did not have any children to carry on this line of Arnolds. William Arnold died in 1886 three years before his wife Nancy.

Sources: Craven Co. records, Bible records, cemetery records and family records.

-- Mrs. Virginia H. Humphrey

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**Jay Lee Humphrey Article 268**

Jay Lee Humphrey, son of John Humphrey and Julia Eleanor Arnold, was born 16 August 1881 in Craven County, died 28 June 1964, in New Bern, N.C. On 31 January 1912 he married Stella Rosa Pittman, daughter of Charles Manley Pittman and Annie Gooding, was born 29 May 1892, died 1 July 1942.

Jay Lee Humphrey, his brother John and sister Clara were educated by a teacher who lived in their home. Later they attended Reedy Branch School. He attended North Carolina A & M College (N.C. State College).

When his father started a dairy, Jay Lee Humphrey would deliver the milk to customers in New Bern by horse and wagon. Later he ran the Clark Brick and Tile Co. for his father and after his father's death. He ran the Carolina Brick Co. at Hymans N.C. for a number of years. He retired from U.S. Civil Service at Cherry Point. He served on the County School Board and several of his sons drove school buses.

Jay Lee Humphrey and Rosa Pittman had ten children: Laura Eleanor born 24 July 1913, died 15 June 1914; Doris Lee, born 21, November 1914; Jay Lee Jr. born 7 September 1916; Harold Bumpas born 1 March 1919; Donald Holmes born 21 September 1920; William Grey born 1 July 1922; James Carroll born 25 December 1924; twins Hal Foscue and Helen Archer, born 18 April 1927, and Charles Manley born 29 June 1930, died 31 January 1931.

Doris Lee Humphrey, born 21 November 1914, married 22 March 1942 Edward (Mac) Charles McCombs born 1915, died 1 June 1983 in Jacksonville, N.C. Mac McCombs was retired from USMC and Maola Milk Co. They have three daughters; Doris Ann, Linda and Katherine.

Jay Lee Humphrey Jr. born 7 September 1916, married 10 November 1936 Nannie Belle Wetherington. He retired from Seashore Transportation Co. 1 October 1981. Nannie Humphrey worked a number of years in a doctor's office and retired February 1981. They have four children; Jay Lee III, Rose Marie, William Christopher and Rex Allen.

Harold Bumpas (Bump) Humphrey, born 1 March 1919, married 1st 4 July 1942 Rosa Bera Westbrook, born 3 November 1921, died 16 February 1971; 2nd Jean Allen div; 3rd Mildred Scurlock Pittman 2 October 1982. Bump Humphrey served as First Sergeant in the Army during WW II. He lived in Farmville, N.C. until 1982 where he was Postmaster of the Farmville Post Office. He retired 26 August 1977. Bump and Rosa Humphrey had one daughter: Beverly, born 31 December 1950, married Rodney Owen and has one child Meridith Owen.

Donald Holmes Humphrey born 21 September 1920 married Helen Price. Donald Humphrey owns Coastal Upholstery Co., and Helen Humphrey has worked many years at Williams Cafe. They have three children; Donald (Duke) Holmes Jr., Charles and Rose Ann.

William Grey (Bill) Humphrey born 1 July 1922 married 30 August 1950 in Granite Falls, N.C. Maclynn Avery Mackie. Bill Humphrey graduated from North Carolina State College and is with Millikin Industries, Spartanburg, S.C. Maclynn Humphrey graduated from Meredith College. They have three children; Maclynn, Monta and William Grey Jr. Bill Humphrey served in the United States Army Air Corps, WW II.

James (Jimmy) Carroll Humphrey, born 25 December 1924, died 25 October

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1981, married 27 December 1944 in Centenary Methodist Church Virginia Claire Hamilton, born 7 July 1925. Jimmy Humphrey served in the United States Army Air Corps during WWII. He worked for a number of years for Leggett and Myers Tobacco Co., and at the time of his death he was working for Motorola Co. Virginia Humphrey is working in the library of West Craven High School. They had four children; James Carroll Jr., Daune Claire, Pia Danon and Gigg Kerry born 25 May 1953, died July 1953.

Hal Foscue Humphrey, born 18 April 1927, married 27 July 1946, Martha Hart Simpson. They are written up under James Blades Simpson.

Helen Archer Humphrey born 18 April 1927, married on 26 October 1946, Jacksonville N.C. Meriwether (Meri) Lewis Ferguson Jr. Meri Ferguson owned Ferguson Building Supply. He retired 1971. Helen Ferguson is manager of a Bridal Shop in Jacksonville, N.C. They have three children; Janis Lillian, Eve Alston and Lisa Humphrey Ferguson.

Source: Personal knowledge.

-- Mrs. Hal F. Humphrey

### **John Humphrey Article 269**

John Humphrey was born 1 April 1847, died 13 January 1917 in Craven county N.C. He married on 21 February 1877 in Craven County Julia Eleanor Arnold, daughter of William Arnold and Nancy Ipock, was born 28 October 1856, died 28 January 1912 in Craven County. They were married in the home of William Arnold by Rev. Daniel Culbreth, Methodist Minister. The witnesses were William W. Prescott, G. M. Lancaster and J.W. Stuart. John and Julia Humphrey are buried in a family cemetery at their home in Clarks, N.C.

John Humphrey served in the Civil War. He enlisted 27 September 1861 for the War, and was mustered in at Fort Lane. He was in the 1st Company I, 10th Regiment North Carolina Troops, and Company B 1st Battalion North Carolina Defense Troops (Whitford's Battalion North Carolina Partisan Rangers). On his enlistment he was described as being a farmer 5 feet 6 inches tall.

John and Julia Humphrey were members of Clarks Methodist Church. John Humphrey served as the first Superintendent of Sunday School. His son Jay Lee Humphrey and daughter Clara Julia were active in collecting money to build the church. Clara Humphrey was mar-tied in Clarks Methodist Church.

John Humphrey helped to establish soy beans in this area. He had an ice house and would cut the ice from canals and lakes in the winter. He also sold medicine and would weigh out the doses. His granddaughter remembers hearing her mother talk about her father sewing a man's finger back on after an accident.

John Humphrey bought Clark Brick and Tile Company from Mr. Clark. He ran it for many years. When he opened a dairy, his son Jay Lee ran the brick company.

John and Julia (Arnold) Humphrey had four children: Laura Gertrude Humphrey born 30 November 1877, died 25 September 1897 and is buried in the Arnold Cemetery in the Perfection area of Craven Co., Jay Lee Humphrey born 16 August 1881, John William Humphrey born 7 Jun 1884, Clara Julia Humphrey

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born 2 January 1886.

Jay Lee Humphrey born 16 August 1881, Craven Co., died 28 June 1964 New Bern, N.C. married 31 January 1912 Stella Rosa Pittman born 29 April 1892 died 1 July 1942. Jay Lee Humphrey is written up in another article.

John William Humphrey, born 7 June 1884 in Craven Co., died April 1942 in Carteret Co. married 22 December 1910 Eva Lane Pittman born 14 April 1886, died 15 Jun 1973 Carteret Co., daughter of Charles Manley Pittman and Annie Gooding. She was the sister of Stella Rosa Pittman: John W. Humphrey ran a dairy in Carteret Co. for many years before his death. John and Eva Humphrey had four children. John Humphrey Jr. married Pat Patterson; Hattie Lee Humphrey married Llewellyn Phillips; Marjorie Humphrey married George H. Linnemeier; Robed Pittman Humphrey born 30 April 1927, died 19 April 1977, married Virginia. John Humphrey Jr., Hattie Lee and Marjorie Humphrey graduated from East Carolina Teacher's College.

Clara Julia Humphrey born 2 January 1886 died 24 July 1980 in New Bern, N.C. married 16 November 1906 Haliburton Josephus Fos-cue, born 25 August 1881, died 23 January 1939. Hal Foscue worked for the Post Office for 20 years until his death in 1939. They moved from Clarks to East Front St. in 1921 and Clara Humphrey Foscue lived there until her death in 1980. They had two daughters Sarah Julia Foscue born 20 October 1911, died 1972, married (1) John Lancaster, (2) Floyd Jacobs. She graduated from Peace College and worked many years at Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. Clara Humphrey Foscue born 19 January 1914 married Elliott Bennett. She graduated from Peace College and worked for many years at Armstrong Grocery Company. Elliott Bennett retired from Alcohol Tobacco Tax Unit of the Treasury Dept.

Sources: Family Bibles, records of Craven County N C., family members and personal knowledge.

-- Mrs. Hal F. Humphrey

### **Louis Bryant Humphrey Article 270**

Louis Bryant Humphrey (1859-1914) married Ida Elizabeth Griffin (1870-1938) on January 9, 1887. She was a daughter of W.B. Griffin and wife of Dover (Craven County), N.C. Louis was operating a general merchandise store in the Sand Hill section of Lenoir County.

Louis was a self-educated man, having only fourteen days of formal schooling. Not only was he a successful businessman, but he also became a licensed land surveyor whose work was in much demand as a surveyor and writer of land deeds. Later he became a farmer.

Louis and Ida made their home in Dover, N.C. He bought and cleared land, used lumber from timber that he cut to build a two-story house for their growing family around the turn of the century. Fourteen children were born to them, four of whom died in infancy. Names of the ten who survived to adulthood and beyond are as follows: Wade Hampton, William Bryant, Tobe Melvin, Mamie, John Herman, Mitzie, Otis, Mattie, Walter Emerson and Cicero Louis, better known as 'Dink'. Tobe, John, Mamie, Mattie and 'Dink' remained in Dover and Craven County.

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Tobe married Nellie Whitley, and the three sons were born to them are Melvin, Earl and William (Billy). These children have made their homes outside Craven County.

Mamie married William Smith. They had no children. John married Helen Guilord. They had no children.

Mattie married Horace Lacy Lewis. They resided in Dover several years then moved to New Bern, N.C. where he was associated with Durham Life Insurance Company. They had one daughter, Frances, who has made her home outside Craven County.

'Dink' married Serena (Rena) Fitts in 1940. She is the daughter of Emma and the late Rev. Robert N. Fitts who was the pastor of Dover Methodist Church at that time. 'Dink' and 'Rena' had four children: Margaret Ann, Louise Marie, Allen Louis and Donald Lee. Louise and Donald have made their homes outside Craven County.

Margaret Ann married James Randall Creel. They live in Dover with their three children, James Randall (Jamie), Margaret Kay and Pamela Joan (Pam).

Allen married Debra (Debbie) Smith. They live in Dover with their two sons; Robert Louis (Robbie) and Roger Allen.

'Dink' who was a farmer and was active in local school and civic affairs died in 1975. His widow, Rena, lives at the Humphrey home-place in the house built by Louis Bryant Humphrey approximately eighty-three years ago.

The children of Louis and Ida Humphrey who still survive in this year of 1983 are Tobe, Otis, Mattie and Walter. Of these, Tobe remains in Dover, living in the house that he and Nellie made their home. Nellie died a few years ago. Otis lives in Lenoir County with his wife, the former Mary King. Mattie lives near her daughter in Smithfield, N.C. Her husband, Lacy, died a few years ago. Walter lives in Kinston, N.C. with his wife, the former Alice Sutton.

Source: Personal knowledge.

-- Rena F. Humphrey

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